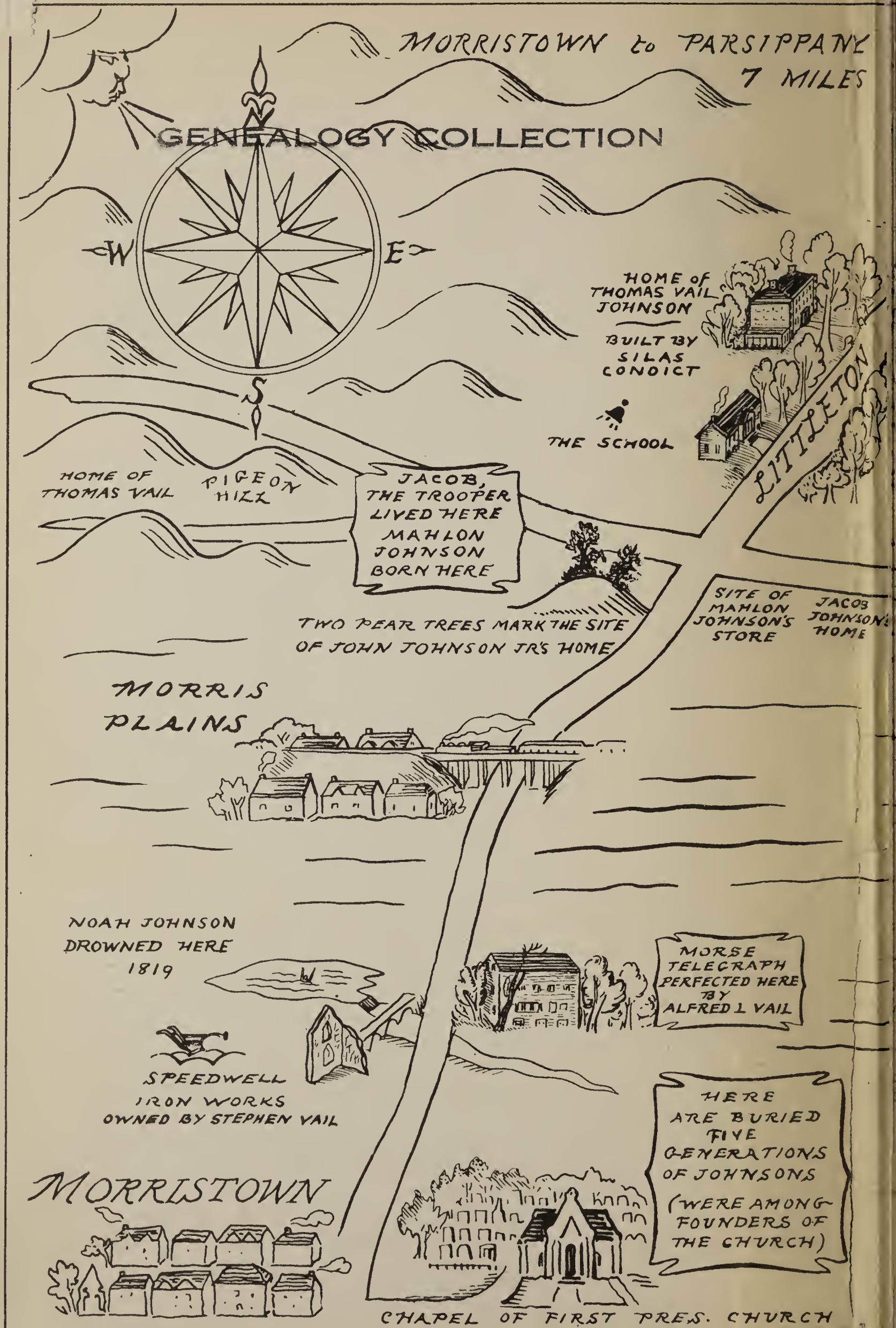


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## ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS









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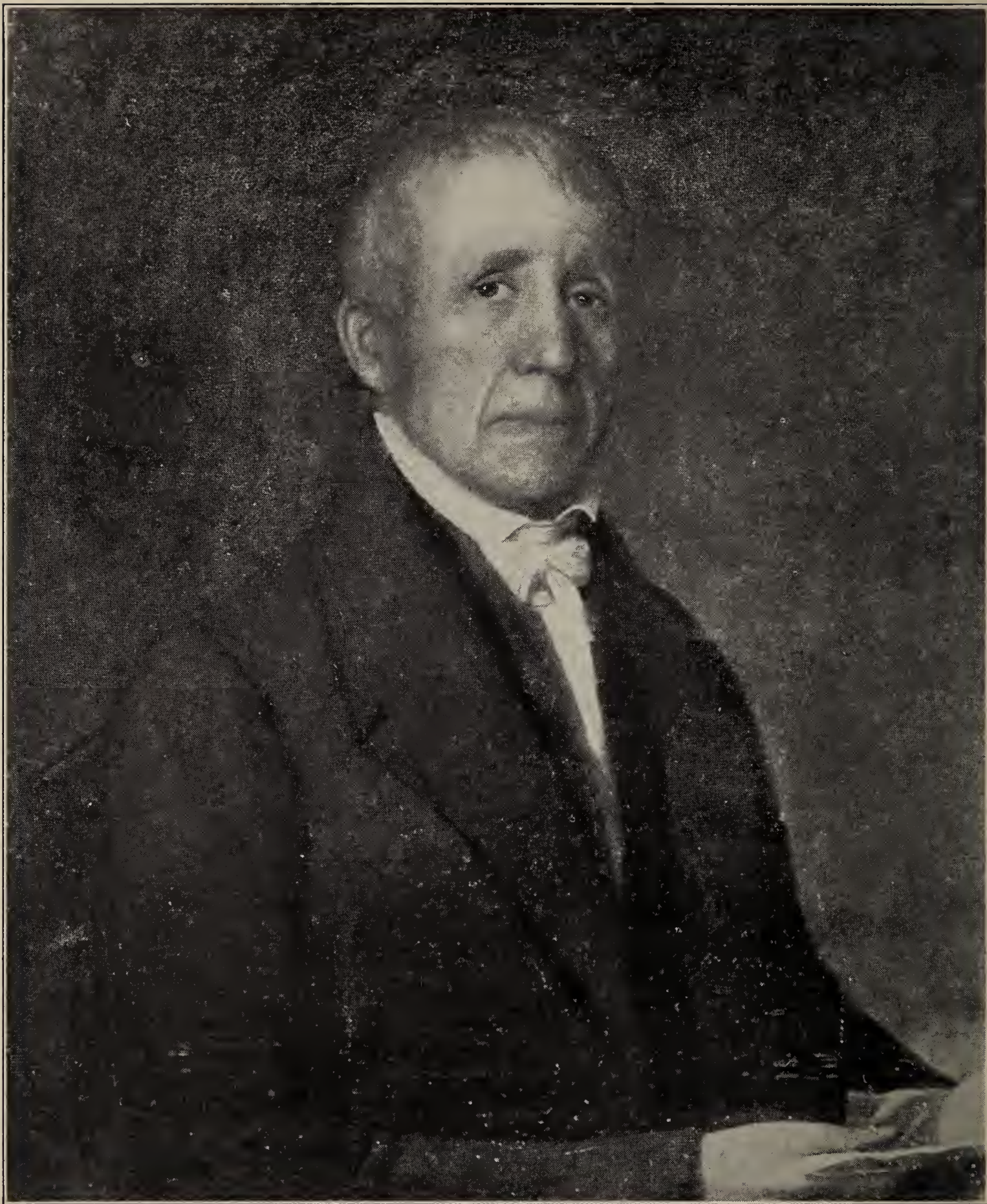
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PORTRAIT OF MAHLON JOHNSON

The original was painted when he was 63 years old, and hung for many years in the parlor of the old house at Littleton, N. J.

Portrait now owned by his great-granddaughter,  
Mrs. Edward Howell (Adelaide Johnson)



# MAHLON JOHNSON FAMILY

*of Littleton, New Jersey*

## Ancestors and Descendants

*From the Records of*

THE MAHLON JOHNSON ASSOCIATION  
AND OTHER SOURCES

*with*

MAP, CHARTS AND ILLUSTRATIONS



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## FOREWORD

Minutes of the meetings of the Mahlon Johnson Association, printed annually for nineteen years (1908-1926), contained such a wealth of information concerning the Mahlon Johnson Family contributed by the members of the Association, that it appeared desirable to embody in a more permanent form the essential facts disclosed together with such additional authoritative matter as might be secured.

Largely through the efforts of Mrs. Ernest M. Pease, the Association members determined to proceed with the publication and at the annual meeting held at Morristown, September 27, 1930, a Book Committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Pease (Mary Ball Johnson), Miss Caroline S. Johnson, Mrs. Edward Howell (A. Adelaide Johnson) and Mrs. Lewis C. Parker (Mary A. Johnson).

The following pages convey abundant testimony to the successful result of the devoted and efficient labors of the members of this Committee, who have so untiringly endeavored to authenticate facts and to clear up and correct some errors which had crept into family tradition.

Of especial note are the map and lineage charts for which Mrs. Pease was responsible, the clearing up by Miss Caroline Johnson of the confusion between the Mahlon Johnsons and the Newark Johnsons and the excellent arrangement in tabular form of the list of descendants.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to Mr. George E. Loder for generously printing the Graphic Map and Lineage Charts, to Mr. Lewis Parker for photographing illustrations, to Mr. Edward Howell for advice on locations on the map, to Mrs. Henry V. Condict through whose generosity the publication of the book is rendered possible at this time and to all the members of the family and friends who have so liberally furnished material.

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Plainfield, N. J.,  
October 15, 1931.





# I

## PIONEER STOCK

### *JAN WOUTERSEN, OUR EMIGRANT ANCESTOR*

Mahlon Johnson was descended from Connecticut Johnsons who came to Hanover, New Jersey, early in the eighteenth century. These Connecticut Johnsons had a Dutch ancestor by the name of Jan Woutersen Van der Bosch who came to America while the Dutch held full sway over New Netherlands, now New York.

The Holland Society of New York and local historical associations have translated many of the old Dutch records of churches and lands, and from them we find **Jan Woutersen**, or Wouterse, Van der Bosch, was **John**, the son of **Walter**. He in turn called his son after his own father, **Wouter**. Thus Wouter Jansen, the son of Jan Woutersen, was known in English as Walter John's son, or Walter Johnson and was our first American ancestor to bear the name of Johnson. From this time the names ceased to change with each generation, and thus for two hundred years we have been **Johnsons**.

Jan Woutersen Van der Bosch came to America in the ship "Faith" in 1659. He brought his wife and little daughter with him, and is registered as having come from Ravesteyn, Holland. This place is on or near the Meuse River, and his friends and associates appear to have been Dutch, or French. Mrs. Jan No. 1 may have been French, as her name is given sometimes as Adrienne Adrienne, and again as Ariene Arents.

Jan Woutersen was a man of means and importance as shown by the property that he held in New York, Flatbush, and Branford. We have the description and date when he acquired a house and lot on what is now William Street, south of Wall Street, New York. This site is now covered by the Atlantic Building.

When the English took New Amsterdam from the Dutch and turned it into New York, Jan was duly rounded up and is on record as swearing allegiance to King Charles II and later to King William. He held his property there, but spent much of his time at Flatbush, L. I., and at Branford, Conn., and later in life speaks of himself as "a sojourner in Wallingford."

Jan Woutersen signed the "Branford Agreement" along with many others who afterwards came to Newark, N. J. We have often thought that Jan might have been one of the Branford men who came to Newark in the party of Connecticut pioneers and returned, as did Robert Treat, instead of remaining there. He retained his property in Branford until near the close of his life and parted with it as shown in papers executed by him at Wallingford and witnessed by Walter Johnson.

Several children were born, and their births registered at Branford. They were later baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church in Flatbush where the baptismal registry mentions their Branford birth. Flatbush records, both Church and Town, are well preserved. They show many transfers of property by Jan, and that he lived there for some time across the street from the present site of the old Dutch Reformed Church, and that he paid his church dues promptly. These records reveal many quaint Dutch customs and colonial enterprises.

#### WALTER JOHNSON, OUR FIRST "JOHNSON" ANCESTOR

In the latter half of the nineteenth century, the New Jersey Johnsons became sure that John Johnson, Sr., came from Connecticut but it was hard to trace his parentage because he passed away so soon after becoming a landowner in New Jersey. In the closing years of his life, Mr. J. Henry Johnson in his research corresponded with Mr. James Shepard and learned that John Johnson was the son of Walter Johnson of Wallingford, Connecticut. This



was verified by records and approved by the N. E. Historical and Genealogical Magazine, April, 1902.

Walter Johnson appeared in Wallingford before 1692. He spent much of his early life in Flatbush, L. I., and accompanied his father, Jan Woutersen Van der Bosch, in his Connecticut sojourn and married Johanna, or Hannah, daughter of Nehemiah Royce. Johanna died soon after her marriage, leaving one son, our New Jersey John Johnson, Sr. In his will, on record September 1, 1708, Nehemiah calls the boy grandson, leaves him money, and gives his father Walter a cross cut saw.

Walter was a child when the Dutch had to yield their claim to the English and so grew up English. He married an English wife and chose to stay in Connecticut most of his days, and preferred the name Johnson, although his brothers sometimes wrote their names Woutersen or Wooters. Walter's name appears in Dutch style Wouter Jansoen, as a witness on a deed in Midwout (Flatbush), L. I., in 1689. He married as his second wife the widow of Wm. Edwards, Tryntie Henerig, and this is recorded at Flatbush, July 5, 1689. This gives the clue to the parentage of John Johnson, Sr., as it states that the groom was the widower of Johanna Rys of New England at Wallingford, Conn. Walter had at least one son by his second wife, Lambert, who married Rebecca Curtis. Walter settles upon land granted to him at Wallingford where there are transfers of land to and from his sons. He serves as a grand juror. In 1718, his son Lambert signs a contract to take care of his father and mother and in return has the dwelling house, barn, and land settled upon him. Several business transactions near the close of Jan's life seem to indicate that the Dutch father lived near Walter, in his last days.

The region where Nehemiah Royce lived was called Hanover, the same name appears in New Jersey where so many Connecticut people settled.



There is material enough on record to make quite a book about our ancestor, Walter Johnson, and his father and brothers and sisters. There are many references duly paged and indexed, which can be examined by any one at the various places of original entry, and these have been classified so as to make a story of this ancestor's life easy to learn, and we give it with assurance.

The authority for our story of Jan Woutersen and his son Walter Johnson may be gathered from the books named in our Bibliography. Of particular importance is an article written by Donald Lines Jacobus. For this see Gen. Notes, Chap. VII.

### *JOHN JOHNSON, SR., OUR NEW JERSEY PIONEER*

John Johnson, Senior was the son of Walter Johnson and Hannah Royce. John appears to have been brought up in Wallingford, Connecticut, and so was away from the effects of the long struggle between the early Dutch and the later English settlers in what was known formerly as New Netherlands.

Our principal knowledge of John is derived from well kept vital records of Wallingford and New Haven and deeds, mortgages, and other legal papers in Connecticut and New Jersey.

These records served to clear up the relation of the Newark Johnsons to the Morris Co., N. J., Johnsons. Their ancestors both came from Connecticut but John Johnson, Sr., came from Wallingford, and was not related to the Thomas Johnson who was a founder of Newark, although the descendants of Thomas had married into the families of two of Mahlon Johnson's children, Thomas and Catherine, and added to the confusion.

In 1916, Caroline S. Johnson made the discovery that Walter Johnson, the father of John Johnson, Sr., was a son of Jan Woutersen, and in 1917, she verified all of the

data about them by inspecting original records in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

John married a New Haven girl named Mary Chatterton, the daughter of John Chatterton and granddaughter of William Chatterton. John had inherited property through his own mother from Nehemiah Royce.

It is diverting to find him speaking of the possibilities of the future when he alludes to "my present wife" in the following New Haven Land record of November 30, 1710, and his bride makes her mark to show her agreement to the statement:

"John Johnson of Wallingford with full consent of 'my present wife' to Jonathan Atwater land in Westfield formerly belonging to William Chatterton deceased, also all right of John Chatterton.

John Johnson                      signed  
her  
Mary X Johnson"  
mark

New Haven Land Records, Vol. V. page 270.

"John Johnson and Mary his wife, formerly Mary Chatterton of Wallingford to Barnabas Baldwin one third part of the estate by the freeholders appointed to divide the estate of John Chatterton, late of New Haven, set to Lydia Chatterton, sister of said Mary and daughter of the said deceased who died in her minority.  
19, March, 1719."

There must have been two other children living beside Mary as she had one third of the estate.

Two deeds in 1714, given by Walter Johnson to his sons John and Lambert give each son a portion of the father's estate and refer to what had been already received as being that of their "own mother's."

Volume III. Page 389. Wallingford Land Records give  
"Eleazar Brown of New Haven mortgage deed to John

Johnson of ye north farm in Wallingford (now Meriden) Feb. 8, 1721."

Volume IV. Page 113. Wallingford Land Records give "Release of the same given by John Johnson of Whippany living in ye Jerseys. June 9, 1722."

"April 11, 1721. John Johnson of Wallingford to Nathan Benham of Wallingford land that has or may come to me or the second John Johnson by right of my honored grandfather, Mr. Nehemiah Royce."

The records given and others show that John Johnson, Senior, disposed of his Connecticut property and must have come to New Jersey prior to 1722. His release of the mortgage which was already mentioned gave the clue to his linking the John of Connecticut with the John of New Jersey and the Royce relationship bound him to the Wallingford land and family.

Six of the children of John and Mary Johnson are registered in Connecticut but the last child is Alexander and he evidently was born in New Jersey. These children are as follows:

- (1) John b. 1711; (2) Hannah b. 1712; (3) Elisha b. 1714;
- (4) Moses b. 1716; (5) Keziah b. 1718; (6) Esther b. 1720;
- (7) Alexander b. about 1722, probably in N. J.

John b. 1711 was the grandfather of Mahlon Johnson. Moses and Alexander both married and reared large families that were more or less connected with the Presbyterian churches at Morristown and Hanover.

John must have passed away before 1724 as we find a record in Trenton, N. J., Department of State, granting letters of administration to John Blanchard on the estate of John Johnson late of Whippany in the county of Essex. Feb. 12, 1724.

(Blanchard was principal creditor and never reported to the court about his administratorship.)



JOHN JOHNSON, JR., OUR NEW JERSEY COLONIAL  
ANCESTOR

John Johnson, Junior, was born in 1711 in Connecticut and must have early borne responsibility as the oldest son of a widowed mother. He must have been a sturdy, energetic man to carry on the large farms and the iron works which he held under his control. He had the iron carried to Elizabethtown on horseback and one of his iron works was near to Charles Johnson's mill on Morris Plains.

John Johnson was a loyal Colonial soldier under the King. This is shown by the fact that on June 9, 1766, Samuel Bowers gave a mortgage to Lieutenant John Johnson for 100 pounds English money, sterling value. This mortgage is on record in the Morris County Clerk's office in Morristown, N. J.

John Johnson spent his early childhood in Wallingford, Conn., and, as the oldest child, succeeds to the management of his father's first property in New Jersey. Brothers and sisters are settled comfortably near him and John married a Hanover neighbor by the name of Abigail Ball. She attended church at Morristown and the Presbyterian records show that John and Abigail renewed their covenant and had their children baptized. The family were certainly very prosperous and loyal and obedient servants under the English rule.

Abigail Ball was the daughter of the first Collector of Hanover, Caleb Ball, who died in 1748 leaving a will which names Abigail Johnson as his daughter. John Johnson and Abigail have a large and interesting family of children. The order of the children may not be the same as given here. Sometimes births and baptisms are confused.

Children of John and Abigail Johnson:

Kezia, b. 1732?; d. May 22, 1778; M. May 4, 1758, Joseph Beach. Elisha, b. 1735?; d. May 24, 1786; M. Sept. 26, 1762, Hannah Lyon. Gershom, b. March 7, 1744; M. Jan. 29,

1766, Mary Ann Trowbridge. Removed to Philadelphia and died there, leaving children. Joseph, b. March 3, 1746; d. Dec. 29, 1831; M. Martha Vail, b. 1747. Abigail, b. Feb. 28, 1748; M. Sept. 23, 1764, Josiah Hall (Capt.) and lived at Denville, N. J. Jacob, b. April 26, 1751; d. April 23, 1780; M. Dec. 13, 1772, Anne Vail. Anne, M. July 4, 1771, Joshua Lambert. Lydia, b. June 22, 1755; M. Oct. 20, 1771, Job Hathaway. Sarah. Provision is made in John Johnson's will for the three sons of Sarah who died before her father.

As the time of the Revolution approaches, the children are all in prosperous circumstances and Jacob, the father of Mahlon Johnson, is living upon one of his father's estates. Jacob was the last child to marry and settle down. All the children are counted wealthy in land and stock. In April, 1776, in the Bill of Mortality, we find the name of John Johnson; cause of death given as being "Inflammation of the head." He was only sixty-five and passed away a few months before the Declaration of Independence.

His children bore well their parts in the life of their community. A talent for leadership seems to have been shared by them all. As Lieutenant Johnson of the Colonials, their father had afforded them an inspiring example and their mother, Abigail Ball, probably had kept them reminded of the relationship of the Balls to Mary Ball, George Washington's mother.

Be that as it may, recent research has revealed the fact that our ancestor, Jacob Johnson, "The Trooper," was not the only one of John Johnson's children who gave valiant service to their country in the war for Independence. The fine horses in which the family took pride play a prominent part in the form that the military service assumed in each case. We find recorded in the Wagonmaster Department of Stryker's "Men of the Revolution," the name Gershom Johnson, Deputy Wagonmaster General, and Joseph Johnson, Wagonmaster and Dragoon. As a witness for his sister, Martha Vail, Henry Vail said that he re-



called her husband, Joseph Johnson, as a Captain of a brigade of teams all through the war and that he himself had been a teamster in one of his brigades. This testimony was given when Martha secured her widow's pension.

Jacob had, furthermore, two sisters whose husbands had been Captains of Militia in the war. Abigail Johnson married Josiah Hall of Mendham and he was recorded as Captain Josiah Hall. This sister was the one with whom the widowed mother spent her last days. An older sister, Kezia, married Captain Joseph Beach and died during the war.

Elisha Johnson, the oldest brother, was a man of established home and property in the larger community for we find his name on a list of Freeholders entitled to vote for deputies to the Provincial Congress to be held at Burlington, New Jersey, June 10, 1776.

John Johnson, Junior, and his family were fine examples of the loyal prosperous landowners at the time of the Revolution, they showed the spirit of patriotism in rallying to the defense of their country and sacrificing their health and cherished possessions in the defense of their rights. The period covered by the life of John Johnson, Junior, marks the high point of the wealth and prosperity of this New Jersey Johnson family. The devastating effects of the Revolutionary War were felt for several generations.

C. S. J.

### *JACOB JOHNSON, OUR REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER*

Jacob Johnson was a soldier of the American Revolution who died in the service of his country at the age of 30.

Not many of his activities are authentically known to us and the meagre information we have of him is disclosed by Mahlon Johnson's Commonplace Book, the local histories and from tradition handed down from generation to generation. The story of his career can be told in a



few sentences. The seeming indifference of his descendants and the persistence of time have done their work so that his characteristics and habits of life are, to a great extent, obliterated.

We have no startling deed of heroism to record nor any great achievement to rehearse. He was simply one of many others who were America's patriots, who did his full duty as destiny afforded opportunity.

Jacob was 22 years old when he married in 1772, Anne Vail, a Quakeress. She was the daughter of Thomas Vail, a Quaker minister. They had three children, Noah, Mahlon and Jacob. Our ancestor, Mahlon, was born in 1775 and when his father died he was in his fifth year. Jacob was 26 years old when the Declaration of Independence was signed. Doubtless he took part in the agitation against the oppressions of King George the III of England and indignantly protested against the treatment of the Colonists by the King.

At this time, Jacob Johnson lived on his father's homestead farm on the north side of the road between Morris Plains and Littleton. His father had recently died and in his will had devised his home plantation to him. As an heir of his father's estate, Jacob was supposed to be in good circumstances, but after his death, his fortune was swept away by dishonest executors. We are told about this in the story written by Mahlon Johnson in the "Commonplace Book." We find from the records at Trenton, that Jacob Johnson enlisted in the Army. He left his comfortable home, wife and children and went forth in the great adventure for freedom. I am not able to give the exact date of his enlistment. The History of Morris County describes him as a bold rider in Col. Jacob Arnold's Troop of Light Horse Cavalry.

During this perilous period, Jacob Johnson's little family was living on his farm at Morris Plains. Doubtless

Anne, the Quakeress, believed in peace, but Jacob had put all other ambitions aside in order to serve his country and had enlisted, and it was about this time that he mortgaged his farm on January 23, 1777, for 100 pounds, sterling, perhaps to enable him to provide money for his family expenses while he was on duty in the service of his country. The mortgage is on record in the Court House and is mute testimony to the fact above related.

History records that his Troop was on duty during the term of the War and their arduous services compelled these men to face privations, exposure, hunger and death, and Jacob's physical strength gave way. He was brought home to die. His young manhood had been tested to the limit of its endurance. He made his will on the 28th of February, 1780, in which he says, "First of all I devote my soul to God, its rightful owner," and shortly after that he died and was buried in the graveyard of the Church which his ancestors had been among the first to establish.

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The above is an extract from an address made by Henry Vail Condict at the dedication of a bronze tablet to the memory of Jacob Johnson at the "Burial Ground" in Morristown, N. J., on September 29, 1923. The tablet was attached to a boulder which had been the corner stone of one of the buildings at the John Johnson, Senior, homestead at Parsippany, N. J.

## II

# MAHLON'S FAMILY

### MAHLON JOHNSON

Mahlon Johnson was a type of the best citizens who lived one hundred years ago. He was an upright and God-fearing man, left to struggle as a child because of the death of his parents at the time of the Revolutionary War. He overcame many difficulties and obstacles and by reason of his strong faith in God, reared a family that played an important part in the development of northern New Jersey.

In the Family Commonplace Book and Journal we find the following account of his early life written for his granddaughter, Hannah More Johnson.

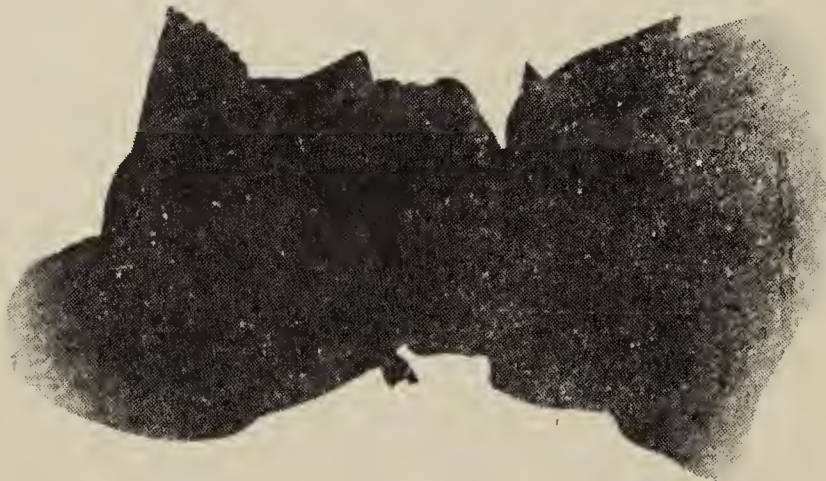
“My father died when I was in my fifth year. He left three sons, Noah, Mahlon and Jacob. My father died in 1780 at the age of 30 years with consumption. Before his death, he made a will appointing two of his neighbors as executors. He directed them to sell his movable property and pay his debts. They sold the property, put the money in their pockets and moved to the West, the debts not all paid. My father had two farms; a number of out lots then had to be sold, about 400 acres. My mother, after my father's death, sent me and my two brothers to school, to a widow woman that had lost her husband in the time of the war. She lived in a small log house with her children, only one room, the windows lighted by a sheepskin stretched before them, the doors set open to give light in pleasant weather, a spring of good water near the house at the foot of the hill. Her school was small, ten or twelve small children. She was very kind to her scholars, but she was always rewarded by my mother when she did any act of kindness to her little sons. One night, my older brother told of some acts of kindness that the school madam had done for his younger brothers, and the next morning







MAHLON JOHNSON



SARAH BAKER JOHNSON

there was a nice piece of honey-comb placed in our dinner-basket to be given to the madam for her kindness to us the day before.

"After this, there was a school room provided, more central for the neighborhood and the widow moved in with her family and household articles and taught the school. The school was larger, a number of little girls were admitted, amongst them was one that the Madam called Sarah Baker, who was very regular in her attendance. The books used in the school were the New Testament, Dilworth's Spelling Book, and the Common Primer. No other books in the school for a number of years. The school was managed with kindness and love, there was no misbehavior in the scholars that required punishment. The school house was farther from my mother's house; the roads at that time were stony and rough. I sometimes would be left behind my company, and an old man at one time, traveling by the wayside, offered to help me by taking me up in his arms and carrying me into my mother's house. To pay him for his kindness she gave him a drink of cider in a horn tumbler. A horn tumbler was an ox or cow's horn sawed off and a cedar bottom. In the times of the Revolutionary War, we had wooden plates, or trenchards, so called, and wooden bowls to eat mush or milk and bread in.

"There were no light carriages, and all traveling was done on horseback or on foot. My mother frequently visited her father's house on horseback with one of her small boys in her lap and one behind on the horse, the oldest walking by the side. The distance was about four miles, in the mountainous part of the town. When she arrived, she was always received with kindness; the shaking of hands and loud laughter of grandfather made us all feel happy. My grandfather Vail's house was a log house with two rooms, and a string at the door latch. In front of the house was a large walnut tree, the soft-shelled kind, that bore beautifully. Near the house was a very good spring of water.



On one of these visits, we arrived before dinner, and after dinner my grandmother told us boys to follow our grandfather and he would cut down a chestnut tree that was full of nuts for us to gather. On the way, we saw a log barn and stacks and barracks of wheat and other grain and large flocks of cattle and sheep in the fields. Everything was plain but very good. My grandfather and grandmother were Friends or Quakers. He called my grandmother 'Wife,' and she called him 'Dad.' They were very happy together. We remained one night and returned the same way in safety.

"My father and mother were highly respected and beloved by the community. My father planned his business for long life but the Lord ordered it otherwise. My mother was a long time sick. I was frequently called in with my brothers to have an interview at mother's bedside and to hear her advice and instruction. My place was in the middle, my older brother at the head. Tears would flow very freely at these solemn interviews. The Rev. Timothy Johnes made my mother frequent visits. In her last sickness, we were always present in the room at these meetings, to hear his instructions and fervent prayers. At one of these meetings, my mother gave her three little boys to the Lord and the ordinance of baptism was administered by Rev. Mr. Johnes by the side of our mother's sick bed. My mother died the 11th of June, 1784, aged 31 years. My mother's brother, John Vail, and wife, lived in the house with my mother at the time of her death. We remained in the house with our uncle. We had a bedroom and slept in one bed, myself always in the middle. When we ate our meals, at noon we sat with the family; at breakfast and supper, we had a wooden bowl placed on the corner of the table with mush or bread and milk, with three spoons and three pieces of pie or bread and butter, my place always in the middle. We always ate standing. At the close of the eating, the spoons would move lively. Our older brother

always required us to take the pie or bread and butter, whether we wanted it or not, for fear we should not find any there at another time. In pleasant weather, we generally walked in the garden; what we did not want to eat, we gave to the chickens, or put it under the currant bushes. We always had plenty to eat and good.

“At this time, it became necessary to move the school house to where it now stands, to make it more central for the neighbors. The school now became large and was taught by a master. We were sent regularly to school. In the school, there were a number of small girls, three by the name of Baker, daughters of Lewis Baker. One by the name of Sarah was very regular in her attendance. At this time I was a long time sick with fever and ague, and my friends thought I would not recover, but the Lord ordered it otherwise.

“About two years after my mother's death, we three brothers had to be separated. My older brother was placed in a family where he afterwards learned a blacksmith's trade. My younger brother was sent to an uncle of ours to live on a farm, had no trade. I remained with my uncle on the farm a short time and when he had to move, I went with him on a farm in the same place, about one mile off.

“At fourteen years of age, I went to live with James Rogers to learn the trade of a carpenter. In the same place, I lived with him until I was seventeen years of age. I was not bound to stay with him. My clothes were very poor and seeing no prospect of having any better, I returned to my uncle's barefooted and very poorly clad, my clothes too poor to go anywhere. My uncle lent me one shirt, one pair of pantaloons and a pair of shoes, all poor or half worn. I went to Newark to find work. Then I went to work at building of the large bridge over the river, at five shillings per day, paid ten shillings per week for board.”

Here the story ends as told by Mahlon himself. He was a vigorous, industrious young man who was determined to



own some of the land that had belonged to his father and grandfather. His prayers were answered for he became the owner of much land in Littleton, N. J. He was happily married to his childhood schoolmate, Sarah Baker, and stayed in his own early environment all his days.

It required varied talents to support his family and we find him following several lines of business and assisted by his sons in carrying them on. He was a carpenter, bridge builder, and farmer. At times in his history, he had a store and a distillery but gave up the making of spirits when convinced that it was not the thing for a man to do when he was serving the Lord. Mahlon was resourceful and showed mechanical ability in perfecting little inventions which were quite in advance of the times. It took an immense amount of courage and energy to carry on so many lines of business. He was ably aided in his efforts by his thrifty wife.

The children of Mahlon and Sarah Johnson were wonderfully blessed in their family relations; eight sons married and brought up families. Four daughters married and lived near at hand. There were six of the brothers and sisters living in Newark, New Jersey, at one time. These children for the most part married into old Colonial families. Two sons followed the wave of migration to the great West at an early day, and thirty years afterwards, another son took his family to Wisconsin in 1855. All the other children remained in New Jersey.

The Littleton property of the Johnson family has passed out of their hands and the memory of the old home is cherished today by only a few of the remaining grandchildren, but the character and sturdy Christian influence of the New Jersey patriarch are plainly shown in the active and progressive spirit which still manifests itself in the lives of the "Johnson" families, now scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land.

C. S. J.



## SARAH BAKER JOHNSON

Sarah Baker came from a long line of Colonial Ancestors who were extensive landowners in Easthampton, Long Island. Like the Johnsons of Littleton, the Bakers came into close contact with the early Dutch settlers of America. The first Nathaniel Baker, Sarah's great-great-grandfather, married into a prominent Dutch family. His wife, Catherine Schellinger, was a daughter of a Hollander and a granddaughter of the doughty old patroon of Staten Island, Cornelis Melyn. And thus, instead of being entirely of English descent, as we Johnsons used to believe, we find that through both of these grandparents, Mahlon and Sarah Baker Johnson, we inherit a goodly Dutch strain.

Mahlon and Sarah, themselves, seemed to lack none of the sturdiness and physical endurance which characterized their enterprising forbears. For without such a liberal endowment of physical ability, this devoted man and wife could never have accomplished the rearing of all but one of their fifteen children. Little is written about Sarah Baker, but the work she did speaks for her most eloquently.

We are told that Mahlon Johnson was six feet in height and weighed over two hundred pounds; it is recorded that in his early married days, he walked to Newark and back each week-end to earn a living at bridge building. Through the struggles and vicissitudes of the passing years, his faithful wife Sarah never falters in her devotion to her husband and her home and children. She moves through the story of the years with stately dignity, her presence always felt but always unobtrusive.

When the Family Commonplace Book is started, we have a more vividly detailed story of the daily life of the busy wife and mother; going in and out among her kindred and friends, visiting the sick and needy, teaching her daughters the household tasks as she, herself, had been taught and not neglecting to train her children in the importance of the higher things of life as well. "My

Mother is a living epistle," was the tribute of one of her sons after she had made a visit to him in his first business position away from home.

She lived to see most of her children married and settled in life and the lines on her gravestone seem to have been the spontaneous expression of her devoted circle.

She was a Wife  
and her price was above rubies  
A Mother  
and her children rose up  
and called her blessed  
A Friend  
"When such friends part  
'tis the survivor dies."

M. B. J. P.

#### MAHLON AND SARAH'S CHILDREN

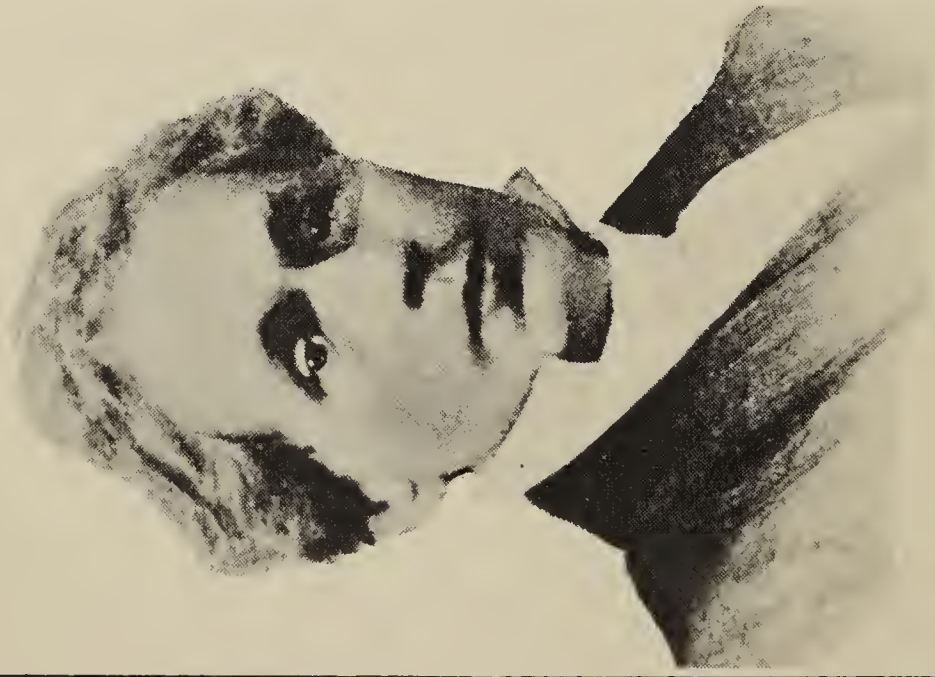
**Jacob** was the oldest son of Mahlon Johnson and Sarah Baker. As a boy he learned the printer's trade. When Jacob married his neighbor and playmate, Hetty Vail, he lived in Littleton, near his father, during his early married life. They were in business together. An old advertisement gives Mahlon Johnson & Son as just having opened a fresh assortment of Groceries, Hardware, Dry Goods, all kinds of Drugs, Books, Stationery, Crockery, Wines, Spirits, Cherry Brandy, Snuff, etc., at Littleton, New Jersey, November 1st, 1825.

His daughter, Hannah More Johnson, in a paper prepared by her, wrote as follows:

"The father and son were owners of a large and well-equipped distillery, which proved to be so remunerative that both were making their fortunes when they became convinced that they could not serve God aright and make and sell intoxicants. I remember hearing the story of the abandonment of the business. They emptied out their liquor







JACOB JOHNSON



CHILION JOHNSON



BAKER JOHNSON

The three older sons of Mahlon and Sarah Johnson

barrels and locked up the still house, which rotted down in time, and father and son began life over again."

The grocery store was continued for a time in Littleton, then Jacob Johnson moved to Newark and became the owner and manager of a large wholesale house for tea and coffee and spices, later known as the Pioneer Mills of Newark, N. J. He built up this establishment and was a highly successful business man for many years. He and his wife made their home ever open to encourage and cheer their young relatives. They not only brought up their own children but saw to it that the aspiring young girls and boys had a home in their house so that they might enjoy the advantages that Newark afforded in the way of schools, and this Newark home was ever open to friends of Missions, and all charitable enterprises found strong allies in this family. He was a tower of strength in the church and community and his wife was far in advance of her time in her views. When he retired from business he bought a home in Morristown, where he lived for the rest of his life.

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**Chilion** was the next to the oldest of the Mahlon Johnson group of children. When he was a young man of twenty, there were still six brothers and sisters under eleven years of age.

Chilion had been close to his father as a boy, and from him had learned to handle tools and become a skillful builder. His impulsive marriage with his mother's cousin Ann Woodruff, who had been brought into the family to teach his young brothers and sisters, was the first in the family circle.

After two years of married life in the home circle at Littleton, Chilion and his wife and baby emigrated to the West to establish a home for themselves. In an oxen-drawn covered wagon they crossed the Allegheny Mountains. The young pair made their way to Butler County, Ohio, and for eight years remained there among New Jersey friends and



kindred who, like themselves, had been lured thither by the cheap lands and fertile soil of this newly opened section of the country. Here Chilion found plenty of work to do in helping to build up the new towns, while Ann engaged in her beloved work of teaching school. Two daughters were born to them while they lived in Trenton, Ohio.

In Crawfordsville, Indiana, they came to anchor, and settling down became, as years went by, influential and respected citizens, always taking an active part in all community affairs. Chilion was not only public-minded but with his good wife's aid, he brought up his four daughters and three sons true to the family heritage of a deep love for spiritual and mental development.

President Tuttle of Wabash College, who was a New Jersey man and an old friend of the family, always admired Chilion Johnson and said he was to him in those early days a tower of strength for his steadfast adherence to what he believed was morally and intellectually good and true. He and his wife were leaders in their chosen church, the Old School Baptist, and their roomy house was the rallying place for delegates to the annual meetings held in Crawfordsville at regular intervals.

As a master bridge builder, Chilion Johnson made a good income for many years, and one of his bridges near Crawfordsville, until only a few years ago, was doing good service and bearing witness to the excellence of his handiwork. Like many another historic structure of modern times, it went down before that juggernaut of speed, the automobile.

Chilion and Ann Johnson lived to good old age and they and all their children have now passed away. At the present time none of his descendants is living in Crawfordsville, but to the number of fifty-eight they are scattered abroad over the United States and form the largest group of the various lines of Mahlon Johnson's descendants.

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**Baker** was the fourth son of Mahlon and Sarah Baker Johnson of Littleton, New Jersey. He was born in 1803. Mahlon could not give very much assistance to any of his children because he had so many, but the older ones were kind and helpful to the others, and Jacob gave Baker a place to work while he attended the Academy at Bloomfield, and later on Baker was graduated from Union College, New York, and then studied and taught in what is now a part of Brooklyn. He married Electa J. King whose father was pastor of the Rockaway, N. J., church.

When Rev. Baker Johnson brought his wife to Caldwell he found that Rev. Stephen Grover wanted to use the old parsonage as a permanent home for himself, and so the people built a new manse for the associate pastor and that is the building which now stands in Caldwell and was the place where President Grover Cleveland first saw the light in the time of his father's pastorate in Caldwell.

We find the influence of Dr. Albert Barnes reflected in the work and aims of this young preacher of the Johnson clan. Baker was fearless in denouncing sin and in requiring strict attention to the doctrines as well as the discipline of the Presbyterian Church. He stood out for the abolition of slavery and for the preservation of the Union when all of his parish in Pennsylvania took the other side of those questions. Later on, Baker took his family to Wisconsin.

Think of becoming a pioneer preacher at fifty-two and walking twenty miles on Saturday to preach on Sunday at one of his stations because the horses must be spared for farm use and oxen would not get there in time. Thirty years were granted to Rev. Baker Johnson in his work for the Oxford Presbyterian Church. He built up little, struggling churches in the outlying communities, and once a month went to Friendship, over twenty miles away. There were many young men and women whom he taught in a private school, assisted by his children; and he helped to

make the way plain for scores of young folks to get away to college and to support themselves while doing full courses in school work.

In those Civil War times he never tired of standing by the Union and made his elders fall into line for war work and for sacrifice. In his last days, when the Oxford church had a young minister, the Johnson home was always open on Mondays for the preacher to come in and rest and read or chat with the patriarch, who loved to hear about the church work and to hold up the pastor's hands when there was any need.

Baker Johnson's memory for Bible verses and doctrinal subjects was remarkable, even to the end of his long life, and he could often call out the chapter and verse and show the application when in long arguments with men upon questions requiring close attention.

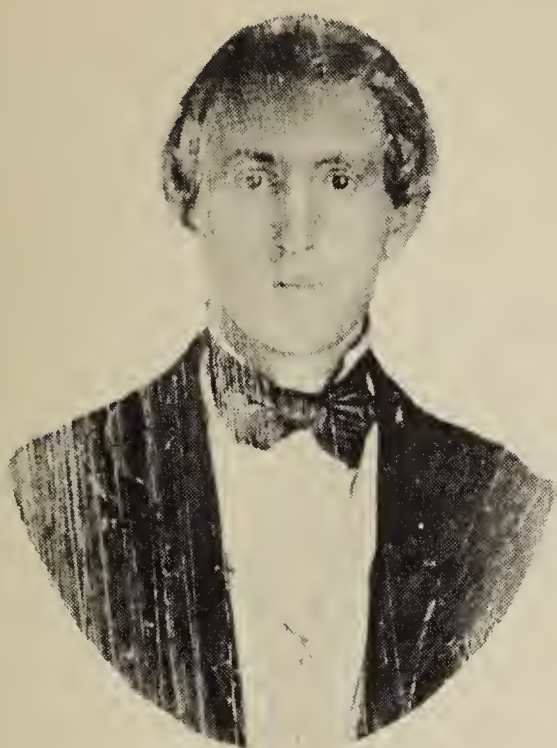
There are many children of the fourth generation from Baker Johnson living near his last resting place in Wisconsin.

C. S. J.

**Alfred**, the fifth son of Mahlon Johnson, was assisted by his brothers to obtain an education and he showed rare ability in carpenter work and in making plans for buildings. Alfred aided in the enterprises that were carried on by his father and in early life married Sarah Baker, daughter of Jonathan Baker. At the age of forty-two he failed in health and died leaving his widow and seven children.

One son, Henry Martyn, went to Wisconsin with his uncle, Rev. Baker Johnson, in the hope of establishing himself as a builder in the West. Henry died from fever before he could carry out his plans and sleeps today in the old Fort Winnebago cemetery where he rests among the soldiers of the Black Hawk War. Another son of Alfred, Theodore F. Johnson, was associated with his uncle, Jacob Johnson, of Newark, N. J., and for years was interested in the Pioneer Mills at Mechanic Street. A son of Alfred's

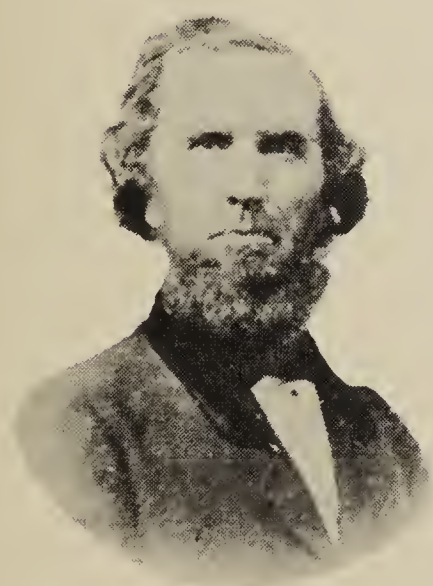




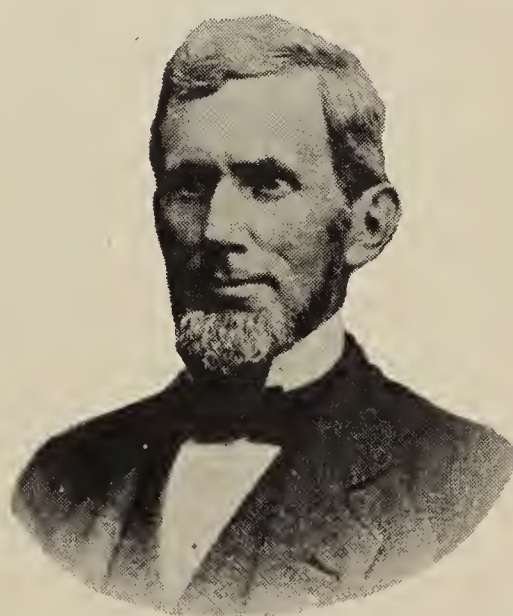
ALFRED JOHNSON



THOMAS VAIL JOHNSON



DAVIS VAIL JOHNSON



JOHN HENRY JOHNSON

Four younger sons of Sarah and Mahlon Johnson





descendants is one of the two boys who bear the name of Johnson in the Sixth Generation of the Mahlon Johnson line.

C. S. J.

The subject of this review, **Thomas Vail Johnson**, was born in Littleton, Morris County, N. J., October 8, 1809, and was the sixth son of Mahlon Johnson. He was named for his great-grandfather, Thomas Vail, who was an early occupant of land in Morris County and was the ancestor of all the Vails in this county.

In early manhood Thomas Vail Johnson married and located in Newark, New Jersey, where he made his home for many years. He there engaged in merchandising on an extensive scale, handling various articles of commerce and dealing in grain, doing both a wholesale and retail business. He was a man of resourceful business ability whose efforts were by no means confined to one line of endeavor; was very energetic, progressive, and foresighted, and his capable management and thorough reliability in all business matters won success, as well as the confidence of all who came in contact with him.

At one time he owned a steamboat and four sailing vessels, plying between New York City and Newark.

In 1846 he was associated with Governor Marcus L. Ward and others in organizing the American Mutual Fire & Marine Insurance Company, which began business without any capital, but the names of Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ward, and other well-known and reliable business men were on the notes of the company to cover any loss by fire.

Mr. Johnson was the first president and continued in that office for six consecutive years.

Later Mr. Johnson purchased a farm near his birth-place in Littleton, New Jersey, where he lived for many years, but for several years prior to his demise he was a resident of Morristown and there passed away March 29, 1879.

Mr. Johnson was ever a public-spirited and progressive citizen, active in reforms, and especially in the line of slavery abolition and temperance work. He did all in his power to create an abolition sentiment in his community, even at a time when it was dangerous to hold such views.

In many ways he assisted in promoting the best interests of the city, and was far in advance of the time, both in humanitarian ideas and business principles.

Mr. Johnson married a daughter of Jonathan Cory, one of the prominent citizens of Newark at that time. She survived her husband and passed away in 1892. There were nine children.—Extracts from a paper contributed by his son, Thomas V. Johnson.

As a young man, **James Harvey** Johnson followed his older brother, Chilion, to the West, married and settled in Indiana for a few years. Finding the pioneer life too strenuous he returned to the East with his little family and settled in Newark, near his brothers and sisters. Neither he nor his young wife was physically strong, and in a few years they both died leaving three little children to be reared by relatives in Littleton. At the present time, all the living descendants of James are living on the Pacific Coast.

**Davis Vail** Johnson left a permanent memorial in his beautiful handwriting in the Family Commonplace Book. Many of the records relating to the ancestors are given in his artistic script. Davis was associated with his brother, Thomas V. Johnson, when he operated a wholesale grocery store on the corner of Broad and Market Sts., Newark, N. J.

Davis married Caroline Mayo and had one son, Edgar, who attended the Academy at Blairstown, N. J., while J. Henry Johnson was in charge. This only child died in early manhood and that line ended with him. Davis possessed a deeply religious nature and some of his remarkable experiences were published during the Mid-Victorian period.

C. S. J.



**John Henry Johnson** was the youngest child of Mahlon Johnson. He was a teacher most of his life and at one time was principal of Blairstown (N. J.) Academy. His life seemed to be a working out of the principles of his father, Mahlon Johnson. He was most enthusiastic in preserving family history and the Commonplace Book which he kept was always of great interest. He had a private school in Newark before going to Blairstown Academy. After his father's death he came down from Blairstown and bought the old farm at Littleton from his brothers and sisters, intending to settle on the Homestead, but the Trustees of the Morris Academy urged him so strongly to take up teaching again that he consented to take the principal's chair in this old school, which he attended when a boy, living on the farm and driving back and forth to the school. About 1870 he gave up teaching and entered the real estate business, which he continued until his death in 1902. He survived all the other members of his family, reaching the age of 82. An incident of his life was when he left school for a day and rode on the first regular train from Morristown to Newark on the new Morris and Essex Railroad. Another incident interesting to him as a boy was his witnessing the first experiment with the telegraph in the old "Button Mill" at Speedwell, when, it was said, if they had a wire long enough to go around Speedwell Pond they could send a message all the way around. He was educated at the old Morris Academy and Princeton College. He left Princeton before graduating, but the college conferred a degree upon him later.

William DeCamp Johnson.

**Susan Day Johnson**, the oldest daughter of Mahlon Johnson, kept house for her father after the death of her mother. Her great kindness to all of the grandchildren who went back to the old home for frequent visits is gratefully remembered by them. She was married late in life to Jonathan E. Huntington, whose first wife was her sister Elizabeth (or Eliza).

Here in her Newark home, she showed the same executive ability and sound common sense that had marked her early days and welcomed friends and relatives who came to cheer the declining years of her husband and herself. She had an art for home making and all remember her as associated with practical hospitality. The Family commonplace Book and her own diary reveal her devout religious nature.

Her brother, Davis, in commenting on her marriage, says of her:

“Sister Susan has performed her duty faithfully and nobly to our deceased brother James’s children and watched over and cared for them with a mother’s tenderness and solicitude from infancy to maturity and now a kind providence has opened a new field or sphere of usefulness for her.”

William DeCamp Johnson.

**Elizabeth Ann** Johnson, or Eliza Johnson, as she was usually called, married Jonathan E. Huntington—“a Yankee school teacher,” she called him. He taught in the old school at Littleton and boarded at her home. Eliza learned about millinery in Morristown and then went to Newark and opened a store on Broad Street near Cedar. Her husband taught in a school house which stood in the small park opposite South Park. They lived most of the time at 21 Commerce Street. Her daughter remembers her cheery laugh and her singing at family worship and about her work.

Mr. Huntington was a man of fine education and a strong supporter of the Presbyterian church in Newark, New Jersey. He prospered in his occupations and they lived for several years on Commerce Street. There were no modern methods of checking malignant epidemics in that time and most of the little Huntington children were swept away by sudden and fatal disease. Their descendants today





SUSAN  
HUNTINGTON



ELIZA HUNTINGTON



SARAH DAVIS



CATHERINE JOHNSON



MARY CONDUCT

The five daughters of Sarah and Mahlon Johnson





have shown a talent for directing and interpreting musical enterprises of both a religious and a popular nature.

Katharine E. Huntington.

**Sarah Vail Johnson** was the third daughter of Mahlon Johnson, and in 1838 was married to Joel Davis, who at that time was a clerk in her father's store in Littleton. She lived in Newark for several years, but later went back to the country and then to Morristown.

Sara Davis of Morris Plains has inherited her grandmother Sarah Davis's Commonplace Book. In reading this we seem to share the everyday happenings of the time just preceding, during, and following the Civil War. We feel keenly the pressure of changing political and religious ideas.

Sarah's home was ever open to relatives and friends. At a sacrifice if necessary.

**Catherine Wheeler Johnson** was the fourth daughter and tenth child of Mahlon Johnson and was named for her mother's sister, who was always called "Aunt Kittie Wheeler." Catherine lived a simple life in the old home until she was eighteen years old. For learning 1,000 verses in the Bible she was given a small book which her brother Jacob signed as Superintendent of the Sunday School. Her diary speaks of many household affairs—of Mary teaching school, of Eliza's marriage to Mr. Huntington, of Jacob and his lady and their marriage. Then of Baker's marriage to Miss Electa King and of Jacob and Hetty bringing their wee daughter, Hannah More. Later, Catherine went to Newark to work in a millinery establishment for which Eliza did the shopping in New York. Then Eliza set up her own shop in Newark, and Catherine, at this time, met Aaron C. Johnson. Catherine speaks often of the old First Presbyterian Church in Newark which she joined, and of Baker's preaching in the Second Church. She lived most of her life in Newark, but spent one year at Littleton keeping house

for her father while her husband was in New York studying for the ministry. She was always unfailingly cheerful, even under many trying circumstances. Mary C. Johnson.

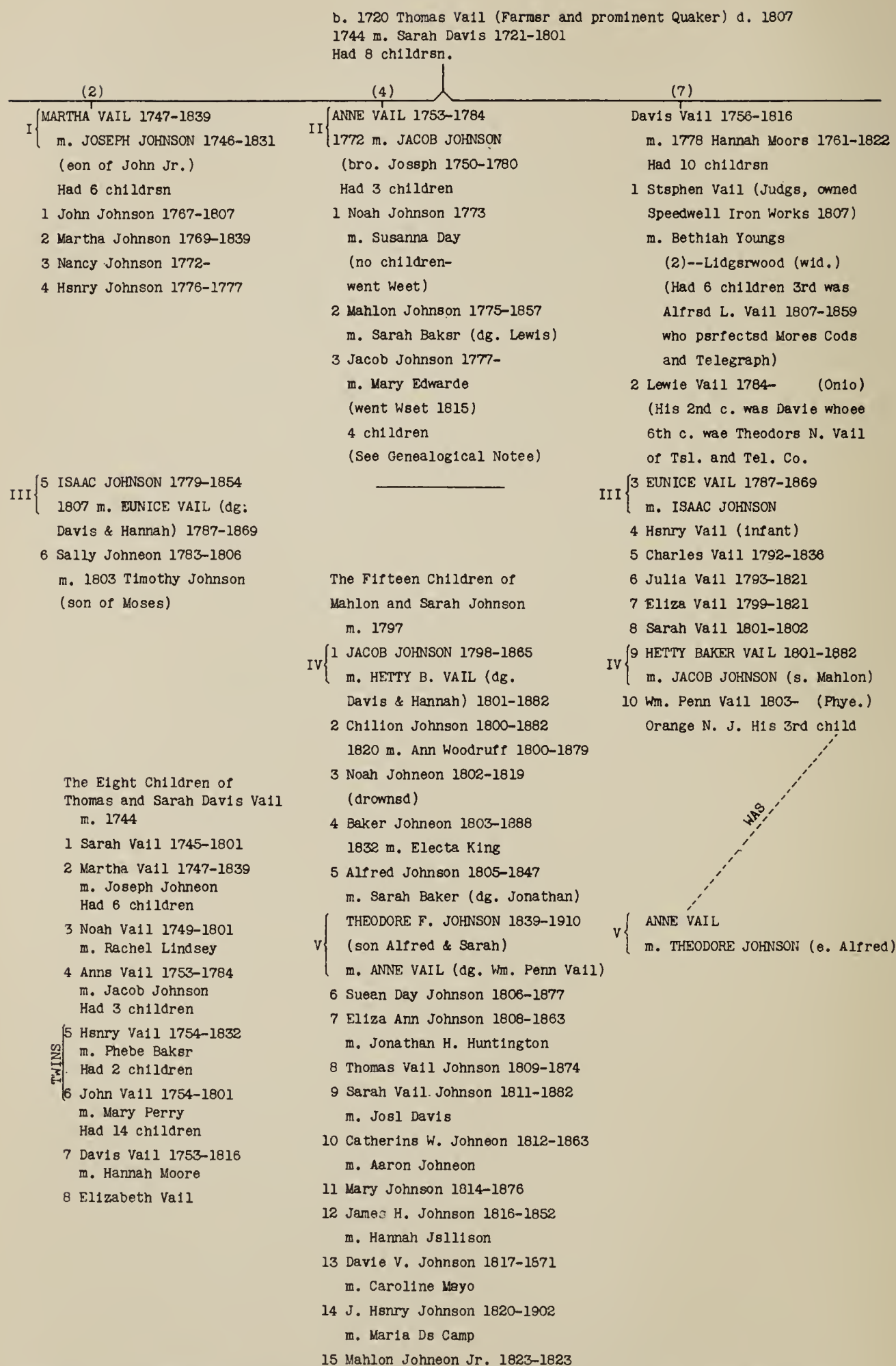
**Mary Johnson** was the youngest daughter of Mahlon Johnson, and, especially when young, was fine looking, with healthy red cheeks, and always possessed genial manners. She was born August 2, 1814, and was the eleventh of the fifteen children of Mahlon Johnson and Sarah Baker, his wife. She married Silas B. Condict and had eight children, besides two small stepsons, George and Elliott, who had been her pupils when she taught school before her marriage. They were little tots and she was the only mother they ever knew. She taught school in Newark, but came back home to Littleton and lived there at least a part of the period during which her father was a widower. Her mother died in 1837 when she was 23 years old, and her father remarried in 1839, and in the following year, 1840, she married my father. My father's farm adjoined that of Mahlon Johnson and it was quite natural that these two good old families should be connected by marriage. She used to tell with some glee that when her future husband became very attentive and one of her brothers or sisters teased her and suggested that she hang a wishbone over the front door, according to an old superstition which would prove who her husband would be, she took the wishbone away from the front door and hung it over the back door. The Fates were in favor of Silas B. Condict and for the first time in his life he entered the back door of Mahlon Johnson's house. When her husband lost his money she showed intrepid courage under adverse circumstances. She called her boys into the parlor and told them their unfortunate plight and said it was an easy matter to float down the stream but they should swim upstream, and then knelt down and prayed God to help in their extremity and keep them in the path of rectitude.

Henry V. Condict.





FIVE JOHNSON - VAIL ALLIANCES



JOHNSON-VAIL ALLIANCES Chart is compiled from records of Alfred Vail, the Church Records of Morristown, Wills, etc. and the Commonplace Book.

M.B.J.P.

### III

## ALLIED FAMILIES

### JOHNSON-VAIL ALLIANCES

Thomas Vail, one of the early settlers of Morris County, came from Woodbridge, New Jersey, about 1760 and occupied land at Pigeon Hill near Littleton on the north (Rockaway). He belonged to the Society of Friends, and while much of his time was devoted to farming his land his chief interest was his attendance on his religious meetings. He had been moved to leave Woodbridge associations and settle at Pigeon Hill for the particular purpose of developing local interest in the Quaker meetings held at Mendham nearby. Indeed, so faithful was his attendance on his religious gatherings that it was said his saddle horse would be found standing in front of the meeting house even though Thomas himself might be prevented by illness from being present. He and his wife, Sarah Davis, and their large family of children were highly esteemed among their pioneer friends and neighbors.

In the years just before the Revolution, Joseph Johnson and his brother Jacob, sons of prosperous John Johnson of Littleton, married Martha Vail and her sister Anne, daughters of Thomas Vail, and the brothers brought their brides to live in neighboring homes in the little hamlet of Littleton. Thus was begun the intimate association of the Littleton Johnsons and Vails which was to continue there through coming generations and was to be further increased by three subsequent marriages among their direct descendants.

After the war was over, Davis Vail, youngest brother of Martha and Anne, came also to Littleton to make his home near his sisters and brothers. Two older brothers, Henry and John Vail, had already established homes on land adjoining the Johnson farms. The coming of Davis Vail and wife, Hannah Moore, brought much new life and enterprise to the neighborhood. Here they reared their large



family of ten children—robust, clever sons and fair and capable daughters. Their closest neighbor was their young nephew, Mahlon Johnson, and for many years there was a small community of Vails and Johnsons, all settled in easy distance from the ever-flowing spring whose pure water to this day continues to supply the region round about.

It would be remarkable if so many years of friendly association did not, in the course of time, result in cases of more tender attachment; and it came to pass that Isaac Johnson, son of Joseph and Martha, wooed and won his cousin Eunice, oldest daughter of Davis Vail, his mother's brother. Later on came another wedding. Mahlon's oldest son, Jacob Johnson, had always favored his cousin Hetty, the youngest daughter of the same Davis Vail, but it was not until they were both near thirty that they were at last united. Still later in the next generation, Annie Vail, the daughter of Wm. Penn Vail, last child of Davis, was asked in marriage by her cousin Theodore Johnson who had lived as her very near neighbor in the home of his father, Alfred Johnson, son of Mahlon. This was the last of five Johnson-Vail matrimonial alliances. The fondness of the Johnsons for the use of the name of Vail is most natural when we realize that the name has been married into the family so many times.

It used to be said in the Johnson family that all of the name of Vail were sure to be kindred, more or less nearly related. This may be true in some measure for while Thomas Vail was the progenitor of the Littleton Vails, his father, John Vail in Woodbridge, had a large family which scattered abroad from there to settle in various places in New Jersey. Our Thomas Vail lived in Littleton to a good old age. He died in his eighty-seventh year and was buried in the Friends' burying ground at Mendham. We quote from a contemporary notice of his passing: "Benevolence, sincerity, integrity and uprightness of life characterized him in all his dealings with mankind. Meekness, patience,

resignation and Christian fortitude were perhaps never more fully exemplified than in the character of Thomas Vail."

Having before us this record of noble traits of character made by his grandfather with whom his boyhood days were associated, we can see how naturally Mahlon Johnson came by the distinguishing traits of character for which he was noted. Like his Quaker grandfather, it was his patient goodness and nobility of character which made Mahlon loved and respected by his children and his children's children, and all who knew him.

The children of Thomas Vail all married out of the Quaker faith, but they became influential members of the churches into which they married. Henry Vail was a man noted for his saintly character and was a leading elder in the Presbyterian Church of Morristown for many years. On the other hand, Hannah Moore, wife of Davis Vail, was a Baptist, and he and his children became devout supporters of the Baptist Church. On her marriage to Jacob Johnson, Hetty Vail went to the Presbyterian church of which her husband was a member. She was a devoted supporter of missions and of all good works of philanthropy.

Those descendants of Mahlon Johnson, the grandson of Thomas and Sarah Davis Vail, who have not the closer kinship to Alfred and Theodore N. Vail by these later intermarriages with the family of Davis Vail are yet proud to claim kinship to these two famous Vails, even though in the present generation that relation is somewhat remote.

M. B. J. P.

#### ANCESTRY OF LEWIS BAKER

The question of the parentage of the father and mother of Sarah, Mahlon's wife, has long been an open one. After earnest research the Committee feel that family tradition is correct, that Lewis Baker was the son of Nathaniel Baker and Abigail, and that Elizabeth Baker was the



daughter of Jonathan Sayre and Jane. We have not been able to find any authenticated record disproving this. Littell in his "First Settlers of the Passaic Valley" states that Lewis was the son of Daniel Baker and that Elizabeth Robinson was his wife. But Littell says that in most cases he had to depend, not on records, but on the memory of one or more of the family.

From a letter dated April 24, 1853 (now in the possession of E. B. Johnson), written to Jacob, Mahlon's eldest son, we find that Jacob had given to J. R. Burnet for use in his genealogy then in preparation (now in mss. notes in N. J. Historical Society) the names of his great grandparents as given on our chart. At the time of the correspondence, members of the Baker family were still in the homestead, neighbors of Mahlon, and Jacob could easily have confirmed his statements.

Under date of December 21, 1859, Davis V. Johnson inserts between pages of the Commonplace Book a paper, "Information obtained from Aunt Phoebe Clark, aged 87 years, July, 1848. She was the sister of Lewis Baker, Sr. Nathaniel Baker and Henry, brothers, came to Westfield from Long Island. Their father came to see them from East Hampton, was taken sick and died in Elizabethtown." Then follows a list of children and their children, husbands and wives. These children of Nathaniel were: Abigail, Nathaniel, David, Lewis, Daniel, Mary, Phoebe. This old lady was able to give facts worthy of credence at 87, for Hetty Johnson writes in the Commonplace Book, August 22, 1850, "Husband went to see an Aunt of Mother Johnson's, Aunt Phoebe Clark. Her faculties are better than most persons of her age." A note (belonging to Mary C. Johnson) signed E. A. Huntington says of Phoebe Baker, "94 years old, able to read her Bible and converse intelligently." Aunt Phoebe might conceivably have omitted a name in giving a list, but it is hardly possible that she would insert one.

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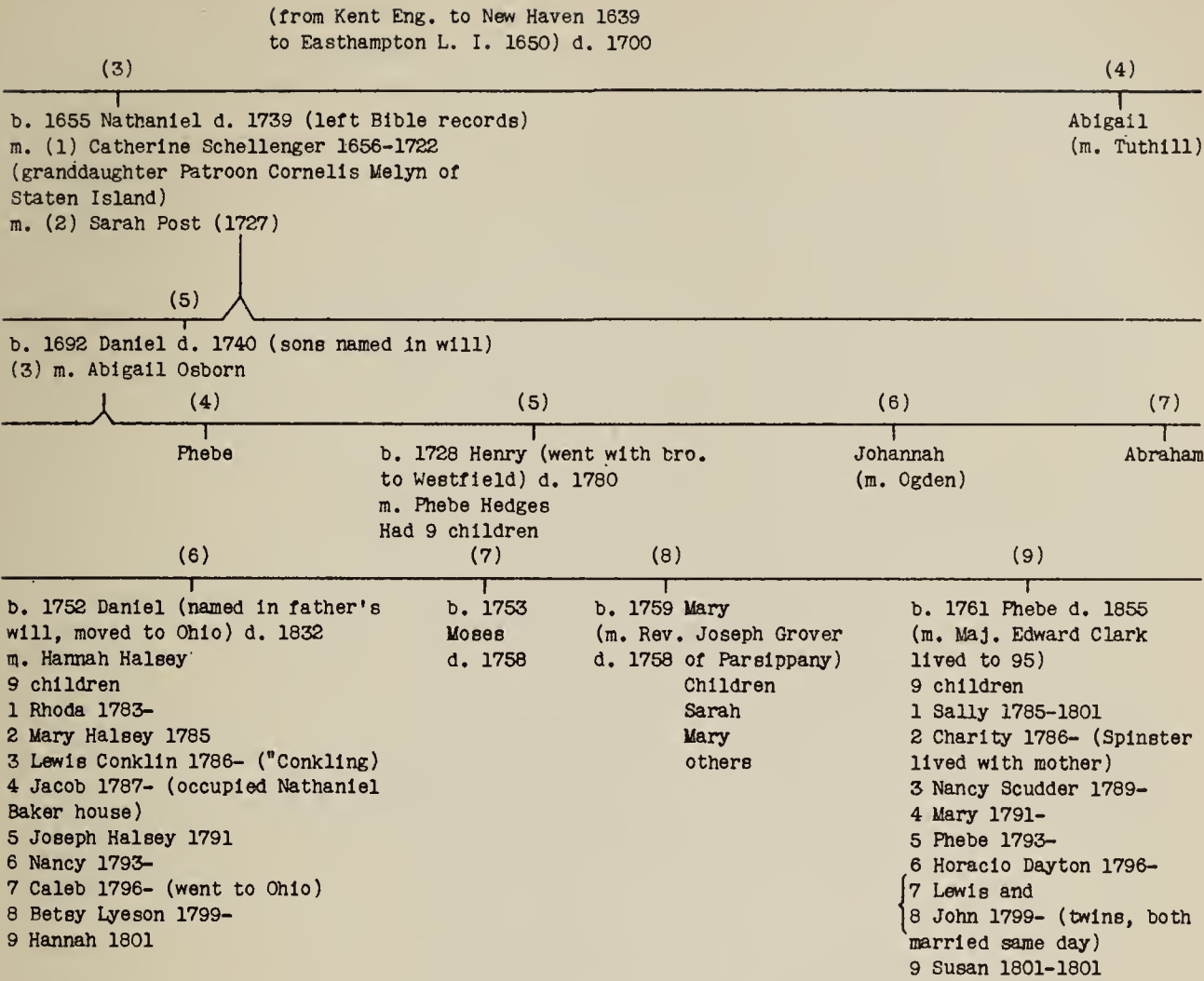




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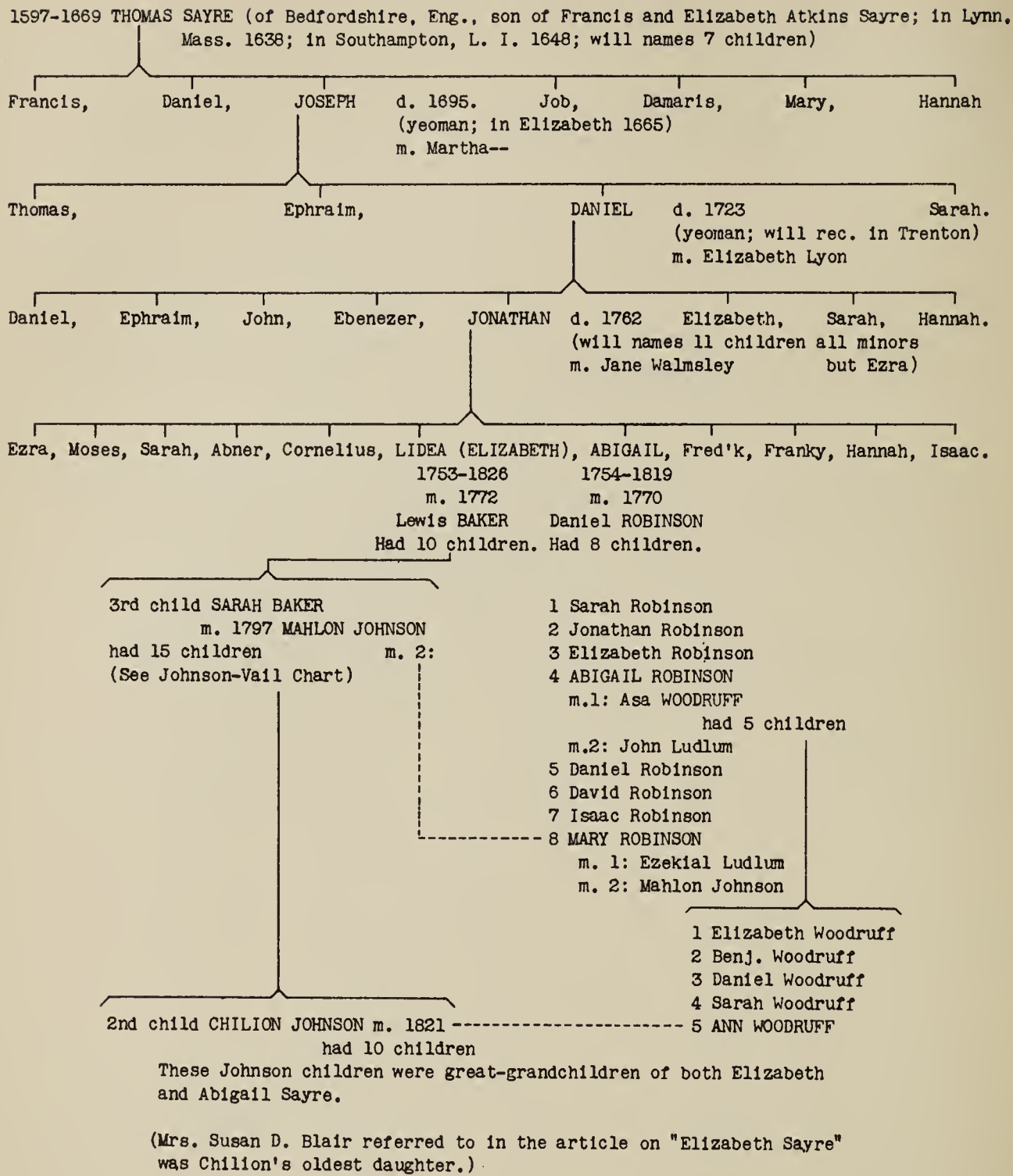


The Lewis Baker Ancestry Chart, is compiled from Wills, Bible Records, the Mahlon Johnson Commonplace Book, Ancestry of Samuel Baker, the Church Records of Westfield and of Morristown, First Settlers of Passaic Valley, etc.

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OUR SAYRE LINEAGE



"Our Sayre Lineage", is compiled from Wills, Church Record of Westfield, The Sayre Family, (Banta), Commonplace Book of Mahlon Johnson Family, etc.

*ELIZABETH SAYRE*

As to Elizabeth, Lewis's wife, the Westfield Presbyterian Church records his marriage to Elizabeth Sayre. Aunt Phoebe Baker quoted before says, "Lewis Baker married Elizabeth Sayre." A letter to Mrs. Pease from her Aunt Susan Blair gives, "My grandmother used to tell us about two sisters who came from Long Island. One was Abbey or Abigail Sayre and she married Daniel Robinson and was the mother of Grandmother Ludlum. The other was Elizabeth or Betsy who married Lewis Baker and she was my grandmother on the Johnson side." In the will of Jonathan Sayre, on file at Trenton, are named eleven children, all minors except one. The child we know later as Francis is given the diminutive "Franky." No Elizabeth appears but a "Lidia." It would not be illogical to think this is Elizabeth, since this is a diminutive for that name. (Proceedings of N. J. Historical Society, Vol. IX, p. 376.)

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## IV

# FAMILY ENTERPRISES

### THE COMMONPLACE BOOK

In the safety vault of the Morris County Savings Bank at Morristown, New Jersey, is treasured a Family Journal which has become too precious to be handled like ordinary books. It is the Family Commonplace Book and Journal of the Mahlon Johnson Family of Littleton. Begun over one hundred years ago in 1829, when the Littleton home of Mahlon Johnson was full of sons and daughters of varying ages between nine and thirty, during five consecutive years it recorded a brief entry about the daily family life. Then came the years of mating-time and the breaking of the family circle into numerous smaller units, during which period the old Journal became quite neglected.

A few extracts picked out here and there will give some idea of the informal style of the composition. As we turn the closely written pages, yellow and spotted with age and much perusing, we read frequently occurring solemn philosophizing on the brevity of life and the vanity of worldliness, and reflections on religious experiences, written in Sunday leisure hours. But on week days are recorded details of the "bustle and cares of life." The spelling is oftentimes a bit shaky and the writing is much of it stiff and cramped; the quill pens were not always at their best, though there are frequent examples of model penmanship, but the picture suggested by the brief records is surprisingly clear.

"March 17, 1829—The snow remains; the pigeons who came last week continue pretty numerous yet. The hunters give them no peace. John Adamsson has made a bargain to work for us again this summer for \$96 for 8 months.—Jacob.

Afternoon—We began to spin the 11th of this month.



We have 24 run done. I attended singing society at uncle Joseph Johnson's.—Susan.

March 21st (this aft.)—Julia Stiles, Harriet and Maria Minton and Sally Johnson were all here on a visit. This eve. we attended the singing society at Alfred's.—Sarah.

23rd—And now begin the bustles and cares of another week.

April 13th—Warm and pleasant. Eliza came home yesterday from Morristown sick with fever and ague. To-day is town meeting; Father was appointed Overseer of the Poor."

"June, 1829—I attended the Bible Class this aft. Baker came home from Princeton.

14th—Mr. Ball dismissed school today. We have been making Miss Smith a frock.

July 7th—Mary Vail came from Orange today and she went down to the Spring to see our churning machine in operation.—Mary.

December 17, 1829—Another year about to close the actions of which are recorded in eternity to be revealed on the day of final accounts. If we have impressed on our minds from day to day that we shall have to render a solemn account, how different we would live. That we may begin and end the coming year with these impressions is the sincere desire of Eliza."

The following year we notice these entries:

"March 14th—Warm and pleasant. Father in the still. Mr. Silas Clark is getting better."

About this time appear several pages of Jacob's handwriting in a detailed recipe for making wine. James informs us that "Jacob went to town with four barrels of spirits." So we must conclude the distillery was for a time an active business interest in the family. In 1832 is recorded a single entry referring to the great temperance revival held in Morristown. "There was a big temperance meeting last night, many of both the temperate and intemperate were

there." It is from another source than the Commonplace Book that we have the account of the abrupt ending of the still. No further reference is made to the subject in the journal.

"1830—Sarah and Mary are going to school to E. Howell.

"Grandfather's funeral was held today. It was a very cold and gloomy service," writes one of the girls about the passing of Grandfather Lewis Baker, November 24, 1830.

"Sunday, June 18—One part of the family went to Morristown and other to Parsippany. Baker will preach in the latter place."

In 1831, we note: "Baker in Parsippany February 10th."

"February 12th—Great eclipse of the sun. Mr. Ford preached in the schoolhouse.

April 4th—All bustle and hurry. We have had our house raised and are now cleaning it for Jacob's infair.

April 5th—Jacob and Susan just started for Newark. They are coming through Caldwell home and stop at Baker's Boarding house. Baker is to marry them." (The Journal neglects to give the name of the bride, "Hetty.")

"6th—They came home to dinner. A mistake, they were married at Mr. Wm. Tuttle's.

26th—Catherine has gone to Newark today.

May 5th—Jacob has left his home to never live here again. He moved into Phineas Clark's house.

Thomas joined the church at Newark.

June 23rd—Jacob commenced building his home today.

July 18th—We are fixing for Eliza's wedding.

24th—One of father's oxen got choked to death with an apple.

25th—Eliza was married last evening. We had a very pleasant party. All of father's children were here except Chilion. Eliza and Mr. H. started for Ct. this morning. Catherine and Thomas to Newark, Baker to Caldwell and we are quite alone.—Sarah.



August 30th—Father, Mother and Susan have gone to Newark to take Eliza her things. Susan has gone to stay some time.

September 11th—Jacob's house is most inclosed. Baker preached all day.

12th—Mother and Baker went to Parsippany again. Baker preached, Mother said it was most interesting of all.

September 10th—Letter from Chilion today. Sad word of the death of his little son, Edwin.

October 22nd—Mary has gone to Newark to stay all winter.

November 1st—Sally and myself went to Caldwell to-day to attend Baker's installation. It was a very interesting session.

December 25th—Jacob moved into his house yesterday."

May 3, 1832—Mary writes: "This day will seal the vows and bind the hearts of brother Baker and Miss Electa King, which are not to be sundered but by hand of death."

"October 16th—I arrived home this eve after an absence of four weeks and I was tired by riding in the ould teem waggon—It appears very retired and lonely here, but feel very well satisfied with my visit.—Sarah.

December 24, 1832—Our long expected brother, Chilion, has arrived after almost four weeks journey. His return has awoke all my kindred feeling which for a long time has been almost extinct."

The very first family reunion was held in the old home New Year's Day, January 1, 1833. This is the record: "Father's family has been gathered from east and west, north and south and are now nearly all seated around the happy fireside and in the old dwelling where they have spent the early days of thoughtless childhood."

"1834, in April, Baker leaves Caldwell, accepting call to Greenville, N. Y.

April 16th—The long looked-for day has at length



arrived that will tie the fatal Knot between Catherine and Aaron Johnson."

After September, 1834, interest in the Commonplace Book seems to have almost died.

After ten years in oblivion it was brought to light by one of the next generation, when thirteen-year-old Hannah More Johnson, Mahlon's granddaughter, tried to revive interest and to restore it to its former active service by inscribing a general report of the family history of the unrecorded years. This effort did not receive support, but when on the occasion of a visit (1848) from Chilion to his father after a long period of years, the brothers and sisters were called together to meet him at the old home a formal record of the occasion and the signatures of those present were duly inscribed in the old Journal. Then began for it a new period of active service as a family guest book and family record. It was rebound, new pages were added and important genealogical records, carefully authenticated, were inscribed therein with painstaking care. Six formal family assemblies are there recorded in the period 1848-1875 when the old homestead passed out of the Johnson family. From now on in the old Journal, visiting kindred inscribed their names and frequently added a record to be read by their posterity.

Hannah More loved the old commonplaces and herself inscribed the following:

"Evening—All sitting around Grandpa's blazing wood fire in the front room. It is a clear starlight evening and the Aurora Borealis is blazing brilliantly in the northern sky. Within doors all is cheerful. The fire throws its strange, flickering phantom shadows on the wall, while the home-made candle burns on the stand around which are gathered those who prefer reading and writing to meditation. Grandpa is in the arm-chair, toasting his feet between the andirons & now says he feels tired & brings the

Bible for family worship. So, good night, whoever has taken the pains to read this."

A life of Mahlon Johnson written by himself, when shut in by illness, and copied in the Journal by Hannah More is a most precious entry. Mahlon himself writes in the book only to record his signature on the occasion of several family gatherings. But in the last ten years of his life, this fine old patriarch dominates its pages. His children gather at closer intervals around the family hearth, to pay their affectionate respect to their father in his old age. When at last his long expected passing is recorded—in the family book, we find beautiful tributes from his sons and daughters.

Before the pages of the rebound book were quite full, the Journal went on a pilgrimage to the Western kindred with John Henry and wife. Entries dated in Wisconsin, Indiana and Minnesota in 1886, written by Baker and his family and by members of Chilion's family, express joy at reading the old Record and having Uncle Henry and his wife visit them.

In 1894, John Henry establishes a second volume of Commonplace Book and Family Journal to be maintained by the descendants of Mahlon Johnson. Here he has written a fine outline of his own interesting career, and duly recorded the results of his genealogical researches. Here is an account of his golden wedding anniversary and a few years later the record of the passing in 1902, of this the youngest and last of the famous family of fifteen children.

This he writes as a preface to that second volume:

"As the only living child of Mahlon and Sarah Baker Johnson, deceased, out of a family of fifteen children, I desire to continue the family history while I live and after my death to have it continued by the descendants of Mahlon Johnson to the latest generation and therefore I have procured this my book on my 74th birthday, October 28, 1894, and I request all descendants of Mahlon Johnson to con-



sider this as their book. As old Romans honored their ancestors by preserving their statues from generation to generation as a stimulus to virtuous, patriotic and honorable behavior, so may we honor our ancestors by recording their good deeds in this book to be a stimulus to us who are now living and to all our descendants."

This second volume of the Commonplace Book and Family Journal is now the one used at special meetings of the Mahlon Johnson Association.

M. B. J. P.

### A SUNDAY AT GRANDPA'S

A stormy day. Alone in my room surrounded by many memorials of the past, I have been thinking of its precious Sabbaths. Let me speak first of the Sabbath days I passed at Grandpa Johnson's in dear old Littleton. I was seldom there excepting in Summer and of all the happy days of those long visits, none shine out like the first day of the week. Grandpa lived between three and four miles from church, and a ride was always a part of the Sunday programme, a fact which contributed not a little to the pleasure of the day. Breakfast over, the family gathered about the old apple-tree table, sitting about in the corners of the room with Grandpa in his arm chair which always sat in the chimney corner, near the back window. Grandma would generally find a seat near him and Aunt Susan, who left housewifely cares at the last moment, would take a chair anywhere, dear comfortable soul that she was! I can see her now as she always sat at such times, with folded arms and one hand over her closed eyes, listening reverently to the reading of God's Word.

Grandpa used Seall's Commentary, and read the Observations the writer makes at the close of each chapter. In early days before all the children were married, a hymn was sung in which all joined. Grandpa's prayers were most humble and fervent. Some phrases he often used mingle in my own petitions so frequently that I feel that I have



inherited some of the spiritual life of that blessed man of God. "O Lord, forgive our sins which are so many and so aggravated in Thy sight. O Lord, forget not the sick and the afflicted, the poor and the needy, the widow and the fatherless. Spread abroad Thy light and Thy truth to the utmost bounds of the earth till all shall know Thee, from the least to the greatest. Remember Thy ministering servants, O Lord—." His prayers were not long but were marked with such clearness and simplicity of thought and expression and were so evidently from his heart that they made a great impression on children.

When we arose from our knees Grandpa would put a mark in his Bible for the evening reading, put his glasses in the case with a snap I always listened for, and in the same unvarying way from year to year, the Book was put on the high mantel shelf, and going to a certain nail where his hat always hung, he would take it down and standing in the kitchen door he would say, "Susan, do you know how many are going to meeting today?"

Now, it made no difference whatever how many went, three or ten, the old family carryall with its three wide seats was always backed out of the carriage house in front of the dining room door, and in due time Jim and Dolly, his two respectable Canadian horses, white as milk, were harnessed to it and the team fastened to the hitching place till such time as Grandpa should come slowly downstairs in his Sunday best and with a dignified invitation to all to "get in" should climb on the front seat and take the reins.

But before this was done, the first thing after worship, he would put on his hat and taking his cane walk over to "Alfred's" to give them all a formal invitation to go to church. Sometimes a child was sent over to inquire which of that family were going, but this was not often. I remember thinking why this question was always put in this form. Why Grandpa did not say when I went over with him as I often did, "there's room for two of you" or three

as the case might be. But no, it was always "who is going to church today?" The reason was that Uncle Alfred was an invalid and could not provide for his family and after his death his widow and children felt their dependence, and nothing could have been more characteristic than this studied care that they should never in any way be reminded of it.

Grandma used to get on the back seat and the rest came as they would. I think I never saw a carriage that could hold so many. I certainly was never in one so comfortable—so homelike. No fairy princess was happier than I when seated in that plain old carryall behind Dolly and Jim with Grandpa to drive. The feeling of exhilaration—of elevation above the rest of the world, of perfect satisfaction with myself and all my surroundings, comes back to me now as I write. I believe my self conceit in and confidence in and admiration of Grandpa and his family must have been unbounded.

As we reached the road leading from Parsippany to Morristown, we joined a train of other carriages all going to meeting. I knew every team or if anybody had new horses, or their carriage had been touched up, and as we sat together we used to talk over the procession (for such it really was) of church goers. There was Uncle Silas Condict's carriage, generally a rather stylish one in comparison with others in the neighborhood; the Shellys whom we did not visit; Uncle Lewis Baker and his old fashioned open wagon; Sineas Clark and his family; Uncle Isaac Johnson, Aunt Eunice and her two daughters, always finely dressed and behind good horses.

As we reached the first road coming from the left, we were often overtaken by Hezekiah Miller's carriage full (when I first remember that family) of young people, Hezekiah, Eli, Belinda, Sarah and Mary. In time, Cousin Townsend Mann, one of our Quaker relations, fell in line with pretty, blushing Mary Miller, the youngest of the or-



phaned family, and married her. This brought him into the procession which went to Morristown to church. I remember so well the first time I saw him at the old First and that to my utter amazement he doffed his hat to me in a dignified way that he never learned from his Quaker father, Uncle John Mann.

By the time we reached Speedwell, we had seen Mr. Burnham's carriage somewhere on the road, and with neverfailing civility Mr. and Mrs. Burnham and perhaps their beautiful daughter, Miss Julia, the belle of Morris County, would bow to all and singular in Grandpa's carriage. Cousin George Vail's carriage, Uncle Stephen Vail's and the Canfield's were all quite grand for those days, but such was my affection for Grandpa Johnson and everything that belonged to him, that I never saw those fine turnouts that I did not say to myself and if possible to somebody else, "how much happier I am here!"

We had many friends and neighbors who went to the Baptist church in Morristown. Uncle Isaac's family and Mr. Edward Howell's, and now and then, Dr. Fairchild and his wife from Parsippany would be seen on the road in their one horse buggy, for they had but one child and he was a wild fellow who would not go to church with them. The Howells were like the Johnsons, original settlers of Morris County, the best of stock who came from England to New England, and from thence to Long Island and finally to New Jersey with our ancestors, the Moores.

The scene around the old First Church is repeated still on Sundays but the numbers of carriages hitched there must have greatly diminished. I remember when, on a pleasant day, every post from Bridge Street to the Church on one side, and on the other to the very sidewalk was in use, and Presbyterian carriages had to be taken to the other side of "the Green" for hitching accommodations.

Grandpa's seat was not "chief in the synagogue." He was near the door on the middle aisle. Grandpa being the



finest looking man in the church in my estimation (and that of many others too) I used to think he ought to sit among the Elders. They used to call them Deacons in those days. Deacon Pruden was one, Dr. Marvin another. Our Uncle Henry Vail of sainted memory was another. His tombstone, a simple marble slab put up by Grandpa Johnson, is in the First Church yard.

I remember several ministers in those early times. Mr. Kirtland was the first pastor who influenced me. No one, however, reached my heart like the Rev. John Ford of Parsippany who used often to preach in the Littleton school house on Sunday afternoons. I must reserve those services for another sketch.

Sunday recreations at this time were very circumscribed, unless dear father was near enough to tell his inimitable stories. Grandpa was remarkable in that way too, but his stories were not for Sunday. He was a very modest man and felt his want of education. At least I think he did as I put together some things I have heard him say about his orphaned childhood, and though I remember no mistakes in spelling, pronunciation or grammar, yet he could not have been the man of general information that my father was, and he did not attempt to instruct his grandchildren with historical and scientific facts as his children were constantly doing when young people were about. Uncle Henry, Uncle Baker, Aunt Eliza and Aunt Mary never seemed to lose an opportunity to teach and interest children, and in later years Aunt Sarah Davis used to delight a circle of young friends with her cheery conversation in which the true Christian woman was never out of sight.

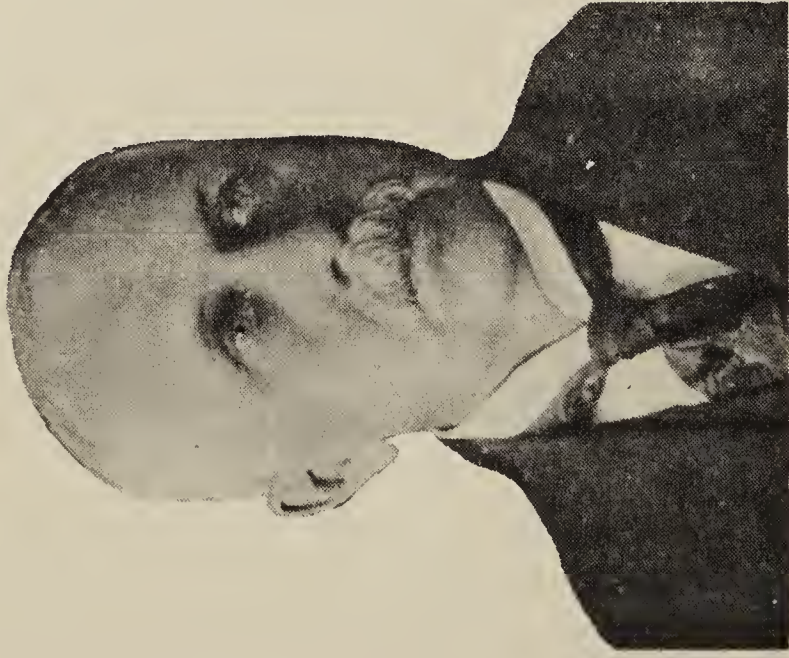
By Hannah More Johnson,

March 11, 1888, Philadelphia.

#### THE MAHLON JOHNSON ASSOCIATION

In 1908 when Dr. Thomas Scott Johnson, Rev. Baker Johnson's son, and his daughter Mary were visiting in New





HENRY VAIL CONDICT  
Essex Falls, N. J.  
Second President—1912-1927



THEODORE FRELINGHUYSEN JOHNSON  
Newark, N. J.—Founder  
First President—1908-1911



REV. ARTHUR JOHNSON, D.D.  
Hackensack, N. J.  
Third President—1928-1930

The three past Presidents of the Mahlon Johnson Association



Jersey, Theodore F. Johnson sent out to the near relatives within reach an invitation to come and meet them at the Old Spring at Littleton.

This Reunion proved so successful that it was then and there decided to make a permanent organization of the Mahlon Johnson Association. Theodore F. Johnson of Newark, N. J., was elected President. Regular meetings were held each year and the cousins who were far away made plans to come on and meet with the friends in New Jersey and letters were written and old ties renewed.

Theodore F. Johnson was one of the older grandchildren of Mahlon and had a wide acquaintance with the circle of relatives. The meetings under his control were largely social gatherings of old friends but they served to build up and encourage a desire to know more about the ancestors and their lives and services.

The second President, Mr. Henry Vail Condict, not only fostered the social spirit but by his own enthusiasm and researches developed the Association into a strong unit. The social side was built up largely by the gracious hospitality of the President and his wife in their country home at Essex Fells, N. J., where the beautiful flowers and lovely garden made a popular meeting place for the friends. During the seventeen years of his service for the Association, there were sixteen sessions and seven were held at Essex Fells.

The Association has collected items of family history, restored stones, made extensive researches and erected a memorial tablet to the Revolutionary ancestor. Yearly reports were sent out and at each session there was a Roll Call of Mahlon's children and as each name was called his or her descendants would rise and be duly counted and give a report of that family. Careful records were made of the new members of the society and the passing of the old ones.

There was no meeting held in 1927 after the death of Mr. Condict, but in 1928 at the Parsippany assembly, Rev.

Dr. Arthur Johnson of Hackensack, N. J., was chosen President; Alfred Baker Johnson of Newark, N. J., Vice-President; and Mrs. Ernest M. Pease of Upper Montclair, Second Vice-President. Both of these men passed away before the time for the next meeting and Mrs. E. M. Pease as Acting President called a Committee meeting in July, 1930, to consider collecting the records of the Association for publication in permanent form. This action was taken because our historian, Miss Caroline S. Johnson, was in New Jersey for the summer and could assist in the work. The Committee began at once on the plan of collecting material. Circular letters were sent out and the Committee made a fair beginning in the summer months.

At a session of the Association in 1930, Mr. George Herbert Condict of Plainfield, N. J., was elected President. Mr. Condict is the logical head of the Mahlon Johnson Association, being the only grandson of Jacob Johnson who was the oldest son of Mahlon Johnson.

As a matter of record, we give the following report of the sessions of the Association since its beginning.

Place of Meeting	Time	Number Present
Old Spring, Littleton, N. J. ....	1908	38
“ .....	1909	43
“ .....	1910	19
“ .....	1911	36
“ .....	1912	18
Essex Fells, N. J. ....	1913	39
“ .....	1914	54
“ .....	1918	38
“ .....	1921	20
“ .....	1922	25
“ .....	1924	54
“ .....	1926	47
John Johnson, Senior, Place .....	1915	20
“ .....	1916	33

School House, Littleton, N. J. ....	1917	24
“ .....	1919	20
Speedwell Park, Morristown, N. J. ....	1920	18
Presbyterian Church Chapel .....	1923	38
Morristown, N. J. “ .....	1930	50
The Old Homestead, Littleton, N. J. ....	1925	56
Pres. Church, Parsippany, N. J. ....	1928	25

Officers who have served the Mahlon Johnson Association:

Presidents—Theodore F. Johnson, Henry V. Condict, Arthur Johnson, George Herbert Condict.

Vice-Presidents—Thomas J. Davis, William D. Johnson, J. William Johnson, and Mrs. E. M. Pease.

Treasurer—Charles H. Corwin.

Secretary—J. Henry Huntington, Sara Davis, Pauline Johnson, Mary C. Johnson, Elizabeth B. Johnson, Mrs. Edward Howell.

Historian—Caroline S. Johnson.

The present Book Committee consists of the following: Mrs. Mary Ball Johnson Pease, Miss Caroline S. Johnson, Mrs. Adelaide Johnson Howell, Mrs. Mary Johnson Parker.

C. S. J.

## WAR SERVICE

### CIVIL WAR

Rev. Walter Condict, 1841-1888. Co. I., N. J. Volunteers, Sept., 1862 - July, 1863.

Frederick Davis, 1845 - 1927. Co. E., 37th Reg. N. J. Infantry. May, 1864 - Nov., 1864.

Jonathan Henry Huntington, 1836 - 1906. Navy Nov. 23, 1861, served 4 years. Promoted to Signal Lieut. and then Flag Lieut.

Luther Halsey Johnson, 1843 - 1897. Battery D., 1st Reg. N. J. Artillery Volunteers, Feb. 8, 1864, served 3 years.



Thomas Vail Johnson, 1840 - 1922. Quar. Serg. Co. I. 27th Reg. June 27, 1863 - July 24, 1863.

Rev. Thomas Scott Johnson, 1839 - 1927. Chaplain 127th and 36th Reg. Colored Troops, 1864 - 1867.

#### SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

Arthur Chilion Johnson, 1874 - Co. E., 1st Colorado Infantry. 1898 to close of war. Non-Commissioned officer; war correspondent.

William Vail Johnson, 1871 - Co. A., 13th Reg. Penna. Volunteer Inf. Apr. 27, 1898, to Mar. 11, 1899. 1st Lieut.

#### WORLD WAR

Alfred Baker Carpenter, 1893 - 1918. Coast Artillery, Dec. 14, 1917. Afterward Electrical Sergeant 75th Regular Artillery. Died in service of pneumonia.

John Carroll Carpenter, 1896 - Fifth Ammunition Train in Artillery, Mar. 19, 1918 - Feb., 1919. Corporal then Sergeant.

Donald Hayne Crothers, 1894 - Aviation Corps, Pilot, Com. 2nd Lieut. After armistice made Instructor of Cadets. April 12, 1917 - June, 1919.

Wendell Crothers, 1896 - Aviation Corps. Airplane Mechanician. Nov. 7, 1917 - Jan., 1919.

Harold H. Davis, 1895 - First Air Service Mechanics Regiment, 1st Bat. Cos. 4 and 5. Feb., 1918, to June, 1919.

Jonathan Henry Huntington, 3rd, 1895 - Field Artillery. Later assigned to 12th Field Artillery, 2nd Div. Then to 2nd Div. Head. Made Bat. Serg. Major. Cited for bravery. July 3, 1917 - Aug. 13, 1919.

Robert Graham Huntington, 1897 - Navy, Mar. 13, 1918. Landsman Elec. for Radio. Then Petty Officer 3rd Class Elec. for Radio. Mar. 13, 1918 - Jan. 13, 1919.

Luther H. Johnson, 1877 - First Lieut. Aviation Sect.  
Signal Corps. Became Chief of Hydrogen Gas Sect.  
Sept., 1917 - July 30, 1919.

Jonathan Cory Johnson, 1894 - Army Ambulance Serv-  
ice. Became Serg. 1st Class. June 21, 1917 - June  
11, 1919.

Wharton Vail Johnson, 1900 - Naval Reserves. Be-  
came Capt. Gun Crew. Dis. Jan. 5, 1919.

Mahlon Leonard, 1892 - Served one year in Navy.

James Clifford Woodhull, 1869 - Capt. later Major,  
American Red Cross.

Louise Hall Naylor, 1889 - (Mrs. John Swinford).  
American Red Cross Nurse Navy Hospital, Mare Is-  
land, Calif. Served four years.

For more complete information, see the 1919 Mahlon  
Johnson Reports for the World War and the 1922 Report  
for Civil and Spanish-American Wars.

**Dr. Alice B. Condict**, daughter of Silas Byram and Mary  
Johnson Condict, was born in Littleton, New Jersey, July,  
1844, and died in her home in Orange, New Jersey, Decem-  
ber, 1917. Twenty-five of the best years of her life were  
spent in India, where she rendered valuable services to the  
souls of the needy natives as well as to their bodies. She  
was there during the dreadful days of famine and the  
plague which followed. For six weeks she was the only  
physician who survived the strain in a Relief Camp, and  
alone, during that time, she treated the helpless victims,  
until her health failed and she was compelled to take a long  
vacation. She took ship to Manila, where she entered just  
as the United States was assuming control of the Philippine  
Islands. Through the courtesy of Governor General Taft,  
she distributed Testaments to thousands of the native pris-  
oners, and also gave a Testament in person to Aguinaldo.  
Her book, "Old Glory and the Gospel in the Philippines,"  
was the result of her visit to that country.

Her service as physician to the heir of the throne in the Nizam's palace; her own large private practice in Bombay; the school she established and maintained for street children; the Rest Home she founded for missionaries; and later, the years as Professor at the North India Medical School, besides many other interesting activities, gave her an unusually broad experience as a missionary.

At the age of 59 she took the four years' course at Tufts Medical School, Boston, and received her degree, all in eighteen months. After her death a letter from the United States Government was received, accepting her offer as physician in war service, and this was in her 74th year. Active in her well established practice in Orange, up to within two days of her death, she passed away.

Emphasis should be placed on her devotion to Christ, and her strong faith in the word of God.

C. S. J.

The Progenitors and Descendants' Chart was penned by the hand of **Mahlon Vail Johnson** of Denver, Colorado, at the age of eighty-four. It has now been revised up to date. The compiling of the chart afforded Mr. Johnson the greatest happiness in his last years, and he was glad to display his work and tell about the remarkable family of fifteen children of his grandfather for whom he was named. He lived to be ninety-one years old and was the last of the children of Chilion Johnson. He died in January, 1930.

A collection of genealogical notes left by **Hannah More Johnson**, the first child of Jacob and Hetty, has been the source of much of the important data presented in this book. She was a writer of distinction and published numerous articles, sketches and stories. Her loyal devotion to her father's family is frequently evidenced in these pages.

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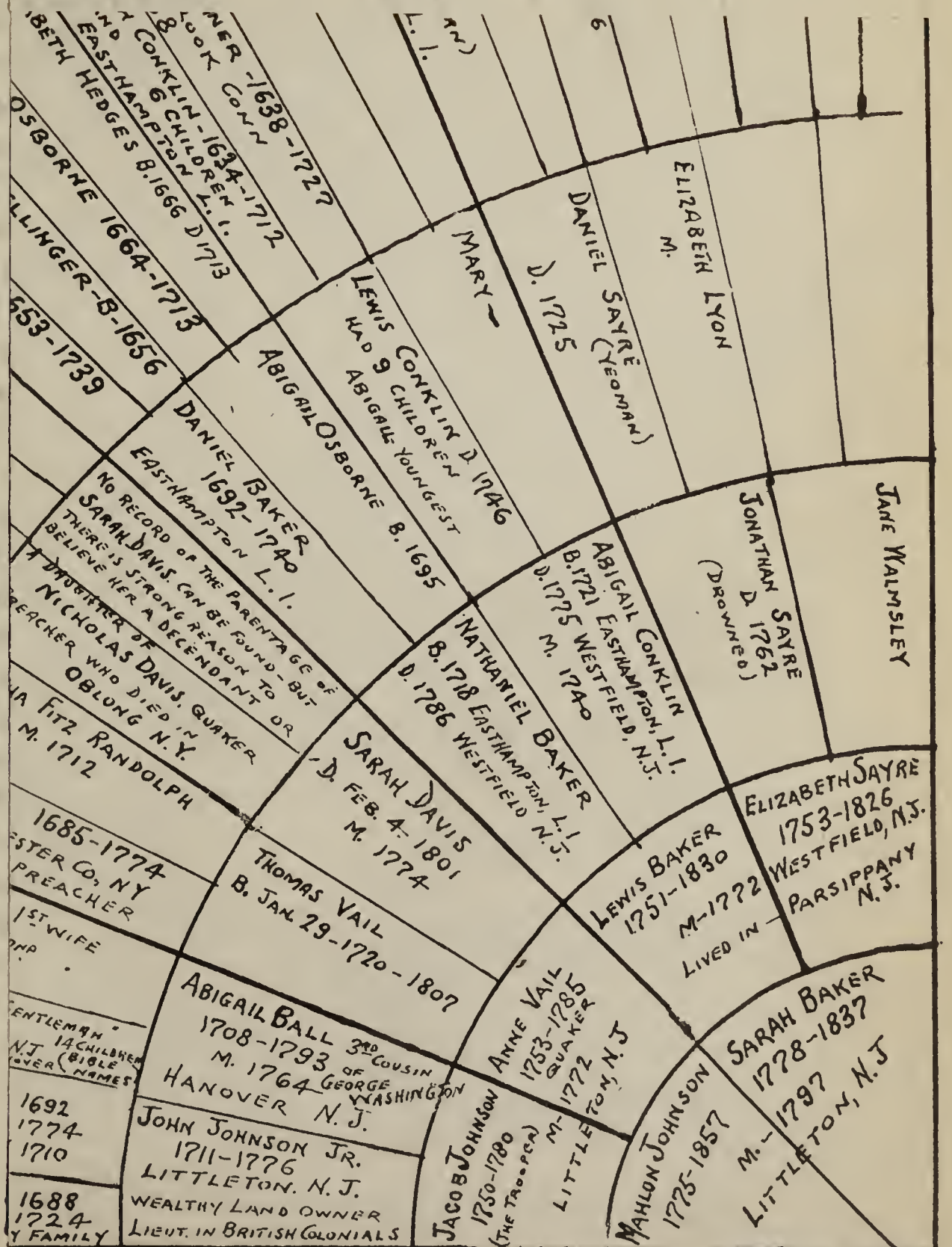
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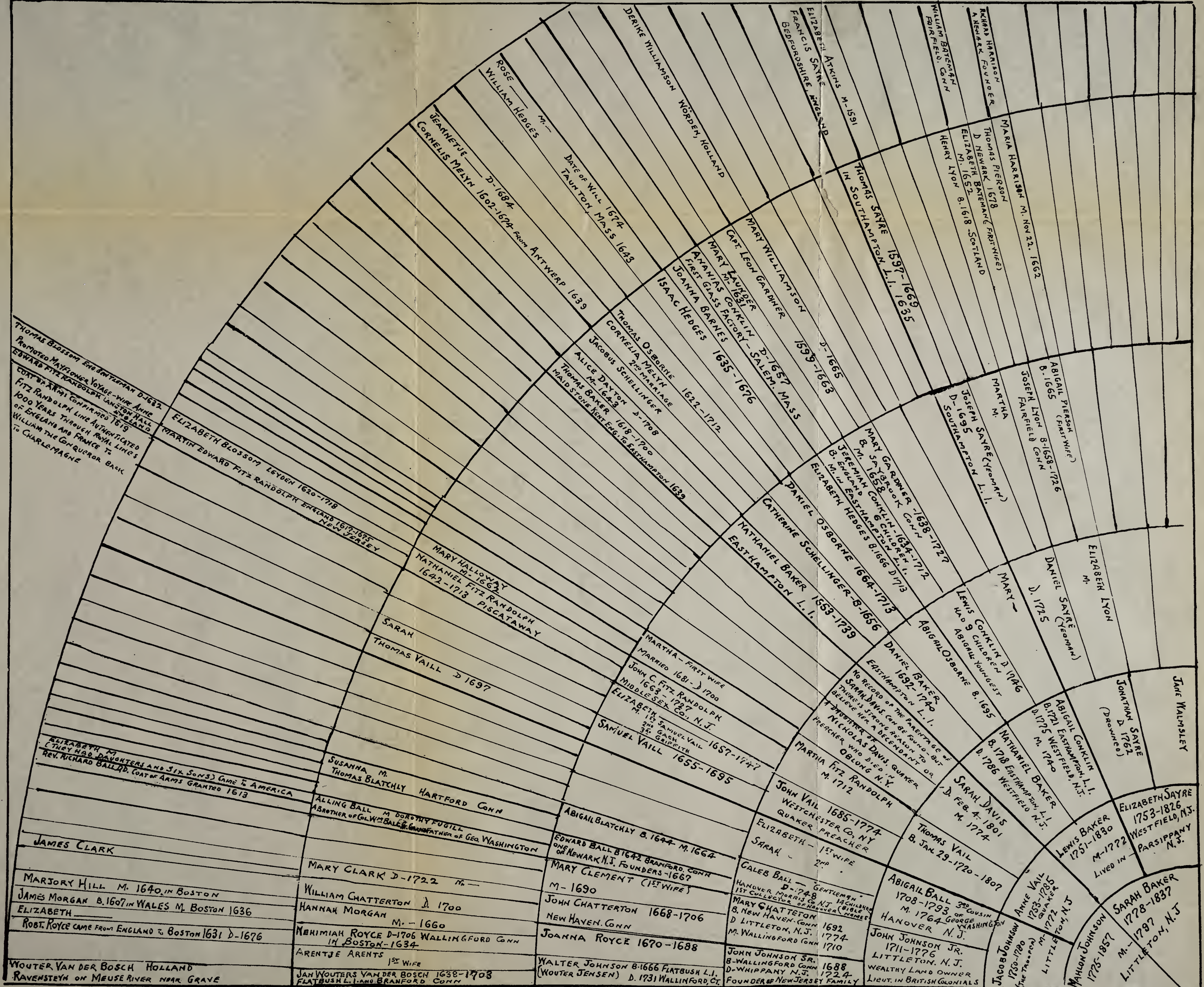
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## VAIL LINEAGE

**Thomas Blossom** was a passenger on the *Speedwell*, companion ship to the *Mayflower* which proved unseaworthy and put back. Thomas with his wife, Anne, finally did come over to Salem on the *Mayflower* in 1629, bringing with them a little girl, born in Leyden, Holland, the year of the first voyage of that ship. Thomas was a prominent member of the Rev. John Robinson's church and the First Deacon in the Church at Plymouth. From his letters to Governor Bradford we know he was an educated man. He is called "deeply and usefully pious." His daughter Elizabeth married Edward Fitz Randolph, May 10, 1637.

**Martin Edward Fitz Randolph** came over in the ship *Griffin* from Nottingham, England, in 1634. "Fitz Randolph Traditions" traces the European line through many famous names to one Rolf, 860-932, A. D. "The blood of the Bruce ran through his veins" and he is connected with the royal families of Scotland, England, Normandy, and France.

He lived at Scituate, Mass., at Barnstable, and had a farm at West Barnstable for twenty years. From there he moved to Piscataway, N. J., because he found New England patriotism and religion too restrictive. He made a home at Woodbridge where he was known as "the Quaker financier." He married Elizabeth Blossom.

**Nathaniel Fitz Randolph** was born at Barnstable and at twenty-seven moved to New Jersey with his father and became prominent among the Friends at Woodbridge. He married Mary Halloway, daughter of Joseph, an early emigrant to Sandwich, Mass.

**John Fitz Randolph** was also born in Barnstable and came to Woodbridge in 1669. He married twice, Martha ———, and Sarah Potter.

**Martha Fitz Randolph** was the daughter of the first wife and married John Vail, the Quaker preacher. We know little about her though we find "her mark" on legal papers.

## BAKER LINEAGE

"We came out of England in the year 1639, Thomas Backer and Ales his wife," writes this Emigrant in his Bible. He came from Maidstone, Kent. He was a free planter in Milford, Conn., one of the six towns of the New Haven Colony. Later he and Ralph Dayton, father of his wife, are found as first settlers of Easthampton where he is always prominent in the life of the community. He serves as foreman of the first jury in the province of New York, represents Easthampton in dealings with Connecticut, and is chosen to confer with Capt. Hobart concerning the arbitrary action of Governor Andros in a matter involving the principle of Taxation without Representation ninety years before the Declaration of Independence. His fellow townsmen worshiped in his house before the meeting house was built. He was keeper of the ordinary or tavern for years, such a position being given only to a "man of deep piety." His great grandson, Nathaniel Baker, lived in Westfield and was the father of our Lewis Baker.

**Cornelis Melyn** was one of the most picturesque and important of our emigrant ancestors. He came to New Amsterdam from Antwerp, Holland, in 1639 and went back for his wife Jannekin and his children in 1641. He established a colony on Staten Island which had been granted to him as Patroon. The Indians broke up his colony. He re-established it and again an Indian massacre destroyed it. His was a stormy life. Peter Stuyvesant was his bitter enemy, and sent him into exile. He was shipwrecked on a trip to Holland to obtain redress from the injustice done. He was rescued and the Dutch authorities upheld him. An old map shows his residence in New Amsterdam where "the Big Ditch" comes into the East River.

**Cornelia Melyn** was born in Antwerp. She married twice (Capt. Loper and Jacob Schellinger, 1655). The latter was our ancestor. Jacob Schellinger was a merchant. They were living in Staten Island at the time of the Indian out-



break in 1655. The English conquest of New Amsterdam put an end to the Dutch trade and Jacob Schellinger moved to Easthampton where he and his wife ended their days.

Innes says of Cornelia, "She lived a long and eventful life. She came from Antwerp and lived in Staten Island when it was an unbroken wilderness and in New Amsterdam when it was a few thatched cottages about a fort. She saw Indian attacks on Long Island and the long period of struggle between her father and the Dutch government and she saw the English come into power. She saw Peter Stuyvesant retire to his farm in humiliation. Her last years seem to have been peaceful ones in Easthampton." Catherine Schellinger, her daughter, was the wife of Nathaniel Baker.

**Thomas Osborn** came from England 1634, went to the Pequot War from Hingham, Mass., entered into an agreement with the Indians for the purchase of lands for the New Haven Colony. In 1639 he was one of the Company who drew up the "Fundamental Agreement for the regulation of the civil and religious affairs of the Colony." They resolved to adopt the Law of God until they should have time to make a better! Thus he was a founder of New Haven and one of the original Patentees of Easthampton. His great-granddaughter married Daniel Baker.

**Ananias Conkling** emigrated from Nottingham, England, to Salem between 1635 and 1637. His wife was Mary Launder. With his brother John he established the first window glass factory in America. Later he lived in Southold, L. I., and was a founder of Easthampton. He was a devout man and one of energy and judgment. He served in the important office of chimney inspector.

Jeremiah, his son, married Mary Gardiner and was a man of ability and high character. "No man stood higher in public esteem." His granddaughter, born in Easthampton, married **Nathaniel Baker** and lies now in the old burying ground of Presbyterian Church in Westfield.



**Lion Gardiner** (1599-1663) was an officer in the English army. His wife was Mary Willemson Deucant. He came from Holland to Boston in the ship Bachelor in 1635 and settled at Saybrook, Conn. There he built and commanded a fort during the Pequot war. His daughter Mary was born in the fort. Later he moved to Easthampton where his grave may be seen. He bought an island from the Indians and became first Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island. He was one of the most influential men in Easthampton. Mary married Jeremiah Conkling.

#### SAYRE LINEAGE

**Thomas Sayre** came from Bedfordshire, England, and in 1638 had land allotted to him in Lynn, Mass. In 1640 he became one of the "undertakers" of Southampton. From there his son **Joseph**, probably born in England, went to New Jersey as a proprietor of Elizabethtown. He was a farmer and a tanner. His wife was Martha ———. Their son **Daniel** married Elizabeth Lyon and was appointed one of a committee to dispose of the public lands. His will is recorded in Trenton, 1723. **Jonathan** was born in Elizabeth and married Jane Walmsley and became the father of our Elizabeth Sayre.

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#### ABIGAIL BALL ANCESTRY

From Abigail Ball, wife of John Johnson, Jr., has come down to us the tradition that her father's family and that of Mary Ball mother of George Washington were branches from the same stock. Abigail's lineage is authenticated by documentary evidence as follows: A will dated 1748 made by Caleb Ball of Hanover, New Jersey, "Gentleman," names his fourteen children and "Abigail Johnson" is one of his nine daughters. A deed dated Feb. 19, 1705, gives the name of Sarah Thompson as Caleb Ball's wife. In 1704 Caleb Ball returns his homestead to his father "Edward Ball," and the same year "Edward Ball" conveys "to his son Caleb Ball" 50 acres of land "on the mountain."

As to the parentage of Edward Ball, who came from Branford to Newark, New Jersey, in 1667, there has, as yet, not been discovered such positive documentary proof as we have been able to show up to this point. However, a careful study of the data now available gives strong support to the belief that he was the son of Alling Ball who came from England to Connecticut in 1639, one of six Balls, four of whom (brothers) settled in New England. A similarity in the coat of arms in the family of Alling Ball to that of the Virginia Balls has led to the conclusion that the six boys were all sons of Sir Richard Ball, D. D., of Northampton, England, to whom the arms were granted in 1613. Therefore, the Willis Book gives erroneously William of Wiltshire as the English progenitor of these Balls, and still other genealogists maintain that the Virginia Balls came from Barkham, England, a claim that is also thus clearly refuted. For further consideration of the problem of the Edward Ball parentage see chapter on Genealogical Notes; also see the following article on the Ball Family Coat of Arms.

The following lineage table shows the degree of kinship of Abigail Ball and George Washington.

I Sir Richard Ball, D. D.	
2 Alling Ball .....	brother of Col. Wm. Ball.
3 Edward Ball .....	1st cousin, Joseph Ball.
4 Caleb Ball .....	2nd cousin, Mary Ball.
5 Abigail Ball .....	3rd cousin, George Washington.
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BALL FAMILY COAT OF ARMS

A recent book on the “Ancestry of Colonel William Ball, Great Grandfather of Washington” by Earl L. W. Heck (1928) gives the following interesting account of the Ball Family Coat of Arms and the important role it has had in establishing the English ancestry and inter-relationship of the New England and Virginia branches of the Balls. It says:

“There have been few colonial American pedigrees more



difficult to trace in England than that of Colonel William Ball, great grandfather of Washington, on his mother's side. Col. William brought with him very little contemporary information regarding his family, and few of his family documents are extant to give a clue to the name of his parents. Only his coat of arms, engrossed on an illuminated parchment, he brought with him which has long been in possession of a **branch** of the Ball family in Lancaster County, Virginia. Some years ago, a member of that family being in London, had a copy of the coat of arms of the Northamptonshire Balls, prepared from the original in the College of Heralds. Upon returning to Virginia, he found the two matched in every detail. It is assigned in the College of Heralds to the Rev. Richard Ball, D. D., son of Lawrence Ball of Northamptonshire and was granted December 22, 1613, by Sir W. M. Segar Garter.

Now, some time before, Lossing, a genealogist in his 'Mt. Vernon and Its Associations,' had described a similar coat of arms in the possession of a **direct descendant** of Col. Wm. Ball, having for its crest a rampant lion holding a globe in its paw, a helmet and shield, etc. A quotation of Ovid, 'Coelum qui tueri,' is taken as its motto. In 1891 this was owned by J. Flexner Ball of Ditchleyn.

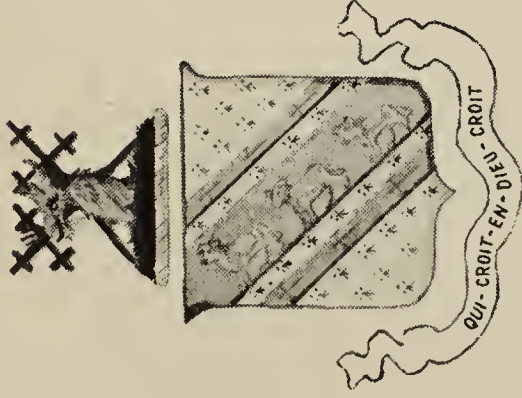
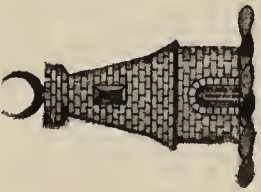
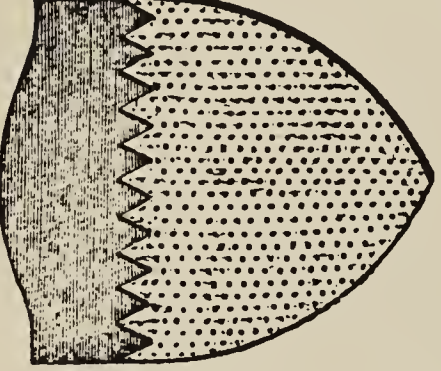

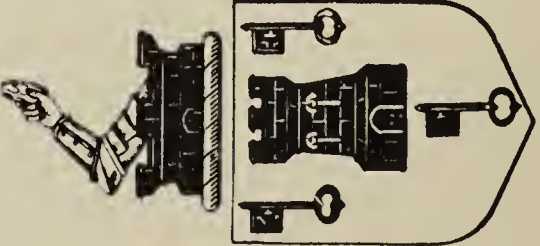
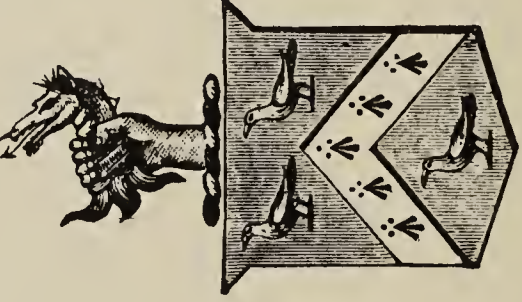


It seems highly probable that two different crests did exist in Virginia, the one that represented the original as possessed by the Rev. Richard Ball, D. D., the other was intentionally altered so as to represent a different branch of the family.

Some years after Washington's death, the Rev. Eliphelet Ball, one of the New Haven Balls, produced a coat of arms of Alling Ball but bearing the motto, 'Semper Caveto.' The coat of arms was exactly identical to Col. Wm. Ball's only the crests and mottoes were different.

The conclusion seemed unavoidable that the three coats of arms were identical and the different crests represented the different branches of the same family. There are many





 <p>VAIL</p>	 <p>VAIL CREST</p>	 <p>FITZ RANDOLPH</p>	 <p>NEW ENGLAND BALLS</p>
 <p>BAKER</p>	 <p>SAYRE</p>	 <p>GARDINER</p>	 <p>VIRGINIA BALLS</p>

Heraldic Arms belonging to names in the lineage of  
 Mahlon Johnson and Sarah Baker

circumstantial evidences to support the belief that Alling Ball was another branch of the same family of which Col. Wm. Ball was the youngest son. The names of the children indicate close connection in family. Rev. Richard Ball's oldest son was Richard and inherited the father's coat of arms. Alling, being a younger son, added a crest and a motto of his own, Col. William doing the same for his coat of arms. William's oldest son was Richard after his father."

Of the claim of Rev. Eliphelet Ball of being third cousin to Washington, Rev. Horace E. Hayden, D. D., of Wilkesbarre, Pa., one of the best authorities on this subject, says: "This claim is supported by the statement that when Washington visited Ballston in 1783 he was the guest of Rev. Mr. Ball, and recognized the relationship. Washington's ignorance of his own family history, as expressed in his letter to Sir Isaac Heord (Sparks Washington, page 504), would of itself cast doubt on the claim of the Rev. Mr. Ball, if there did not exist in the Ballston family a coat of arms, identical with that of Col. William Ball, of Virginia, the only difference being in the crest and motto. These arms have been preserved in Rev. Mr. Ball's line from the son of his immediate ancestor, a descendant of the same family, and, like others, ready to recognize any real connection with the family of Mary Ball, I have positively rejected all the traditions of the New England Balls until the book-plate, with arms of Col. John Ball, a son of Alling, were placed in my hands."

In our collection of heraldic arms we show both the Alling and the Col. Wm. Ball coat of arms.

The two coats of arms are described as follows:

Alling Ball. Arms: argent a lion passant sable, on a chief of the second, three mullets of the first. Crest: a stag trippant proper. Motto: Semper Caveto.

Col. William Ball. Arms: argent a lion passant sable, on a chief of the second, three mullets of the first. Crest: out of the clouds proper, a demi-lion rampant sable, pow-



dered with etoiles argent, holding a globe. Motto: Coelum qui tueri.

We are indebted to Mr. Stuart H. Patterson of Plainfield, New Jersey, for the Alling Ball Coat of Arms. Mr. Patterson is the owner by inheritance from Flamen Ball, a son of Rev. Eliphelet Ball, of the original plate on which the coat of arms was engraved.

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#### HERALDRIC ARMS

On the accompanying page are given representations which bear the names of some of the lines among whose descendants were Mahlon Johnson and Sarah Baker Johnson. We have not carried our research so far as to give any proof other than the name. We would refer any member interested to the books on Heraldry in a large public library.

The shield contains the charges or figures that form a coat of arms. The motto is a citation or expression of something characteristic of the one to whom the arms were granted. The crest or headdress denotes the division of the larger unit. We see the crest and the shield usually together, but we sometimes see a crest used by itself. We see families using the same shield showing a relationship but with different crests. In England the right to use heraldic arms is governed by a College of Arms or Herald's College which was incorporated in the reign of King Richard III, 1483. The colors and emblazonments have a terminology of their own and intricate and elaborate rules, the understanding of which is a profession in itself.

As befits a democratic government, our United States has no such Herald's College.

Some of the families connected with the Mahlon Johnson ancestry which have the right to bear Heraldic Arms:

Thomas Vail, Thomas Osborne, Edward Fitz Randolph, Thomas Sayre, Alling Ball, Thomas Baker, Lion Gardiner.

VAIL: the name was often written Veal and Veale. The three calves are evidently here the name emblem. This Vail coat of arms was obtained from England by Hugh D. Vail of Santa Barbara, Cal., and is now owned by G. Herbert Condict of Plainfield, N. J. The second Vail crest belongs to another branch of the Vail family and is owned by Miss Elizabeth Johnson of Avon by the Sea, N. J.

The FITZ RANDOLPH coat of arms is without crest; it may be found in any large public library. The same may be said of the BAKER, SAYRE and GARDINER coats of arms. Frank D. Baker shows the Baker coat of arms in his book on "Samuel Baker's Ancestry." Theo. N. Banta published the Sayre coat of arms in his Genealogy of the Sayre Family.

For illustrations and descriptions consult any large public library.

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#### PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS

The descendants of Mahlon Johnson and Sarah Baker are eligible to membership in the following patriotic societies, through descent from the ancestor named.

**Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution:** Jacob Johnson, Lewis Baker.

**Holland Dames of America, Holland Society:** Cornelis Melyn.

**Society of Colonial Dames:** James Morgan, Edward Ball, Thomas Blossom, Thomas Baker, Lion Gardiner, Cornelis Melyn, Thomas Sayre.

Admission has already been granted through the records of the men named above and will probably be granted to one or more of these and other patriotic societies through the following:

Thomas Osborne, Joseph Holloway, Edward Fitz Randolph, Nathaniel Fitz Randolph, Daniel Sayre, Jeremiah Conkling, Joshua Barnes, Thomas Pierson, Henry Lyon, Joseph Sayre.



## VI

# REMINISCENCES

### Marriage of Jacob and Hetty, 1831

Written by Hannah More Johnson, 1887

The story of my parents' courtship and marriage was not very romantic. Neither was young; both were earnest, sensible people, uncompromising Christians. My father was a Presbyterian whose ancestors had been such from time immemorial. My mother was an Old School Baptist, a member of the little church in Morristown, N. J., which stands on the corner of Speedwell Avenue and the Green.

As young people they had been neighbors. Grandpa Davis Vail was Grandpa Mahlon Johnson's uncle, and a cousinly feeling was kept up between their children.

Father was sent away from home to learn the printer's trade at the early age of twelve, while mother remained at home till she was twenty when, after her mother's death, she went to Morristown to school to prepare herself for teaching. She was ten years a teacher, two years in Virginia and eight years in Morristown, New Market, and Newark, N. J. She told me that before she took the bold and enterprising step of going to Virginia, she knew that Jacob Johnson viewed her with admiring eyes.

While in Virginia, a correspondence was kept up, but mother had so humble an opinion of her own attractions that she had no thought that anything like matrimony would be the result. She was sure of this from the fact that Uncle Chilion's marriage with a Baptist lady had already made trouble in the family, and also because Grandma Johnson and her daughters were planning another alliance for the eldest son and brother. He was very attractive, sprightly, intelligent, popular, neat in his dress, rather inclined to be fashionable, and with a character beyond reproach. In fact he was quite a catch, and the sober minded Hetty Vail concluded that while he enjoyed conversation



with any intelligent girl when he married he would choose a younger and gayer wife.

But he showed her his whole heart at last. It was while she was teaching in a select school on Market Street, Newark. He was then keeping store in Littleton and running a distillery in partnership with his father. Business was good; they had the best equipped establishment of the kind in a region infested with a score of them. He was, he said many a time afterward, "making money hand over hand."

Courtship did not interfere at all with school duties and marriage preparations went on morning and evenings. Mother was a remarkable needle woman. Her swiftly flying hands putting in stitch after stitch, with a neatness and precision which none could equal, were the wonder of my childhood. She was a perfect sewing machine all her life. The embroidery she did in her early life made her eminent for her skill in that line.

Her wedding dress was of India muslin with deep embroidered flounces wrought by her own hand as was also a white lace veil of exquisite design and workmanship. Mrs. Hedges brought her a bunch of white hyacinths to wear in her belt. The wedding ring was set with little seed pearls, too delicate to be worn in the busy days which followed, so it was carefully laid away with the few treasures she possessed.

The wedding took place April 6, 1831, the day after school closed. Mother was boarding at the time with Mr. Wm. Tuttle's family. He was a Book-seller who lived on the corner of Broad and Academy Streets, Newark. Mr. Tuttle was one of the leading citizens of Newark, and lived on the principal street opposite the Academy. Mrs. Tuttle was a step-daughter of Uncle Henry Vail of sainted memory, and one of mother's most intimate friends.

The wedding could have taken place at Uncle Stephen Vail's in Speedwell or at Aunt Eunice's (Mrs. Isaac John-

son) in Littleton but for these hindrances: Party feeling ran very high in those days in church and state. Aunt Eunice wasn't as well pleased with her Presbyterian brother-in-law as she was in after years when she declared he was as near to her as any relation she had out of her own family. As for Uncle Stephen, he couldn't get over father's Whig notions or his Anti-Masonic principles. So they were married at Mr. Tuttle's house by Uncle Baker Johnson before a select party of friends.

A carriage stood at the door, and mother's little trunk, no larger than a valise of this age, was put under the seat. Uncle Baker and Alfred with father and mother made the little wedding party which drove over the Orange Mountains that Spring afternoon to old Littleton. That was the wedding journey.

Father and mother began housekeeping in Littleton in the house known as the Phineas Clark house. The ground was afterwards occupied by your Grandpa Condict's "Springside" house.

Meanwhile a modest house was going up on Littleton Corners. near the store. Mother put her money in it too, and furnished the rooms herself. It stands there now (1887) with but few alterations. Aunt Eunice lived directly opposite and Grandpa Johnson not far away on the Dover Turnpike. On the road from Parsippany to Morristown lived Grandpa Condict with his young wife, Emiline, a sweet-faced woman from Orange County, New York, who speedily became a warm friend of my mother.

### **Courtship and Wedding of Chilion and Ann**

The following story written by Mrs. Angelina Beck for this meeting was told her by her mother, Ann Woodruff, the wife of Chilion Johnson.

In the year 1820, the home of Mahlon Johnson was full of children, and he thought it would be wise to have a teacher come into the house to teach these little ones. So



he sent, or went himself, to Westfield, where he had many acquaintances, to ask a young teacher, named Ann Woodruff to come for a few months and teach a school at his house. She came and they gave her a room up stairs, where she taught successfully eight hours each day during all the spring months. Thirty years afterward they gave me this same room to occupy during my visit to New Jersey. Traced on the wall was a profile of this teacher carefully guarded, Aunt Susan said as she pointed it out to me, against white-wash brush or paper all these years. It was my mother.

In the evenings, after school duties were over, for recreation, the teacher and pupils would take a walk down to the spring and each one would bring up a pail or piggin of water to be used for culinary purposes.

There were so many children Aunt Susan had to make two pots of mush for supper so all could have plenty.

One evening as this little army marched along to the spring Chilion whispered to Ann, and proposed keeping her there always, by making her his wife. She said, "I cannot answer you now, you must ask my mother." The next Saturday, the 10th of June, Father took Ann home to see her mother and he did not wait long till he asked this mother if he could take her daughter to wife. The mother said, "Give me time to think about it before I can answer." After dinner Grandmother called the parties together and said, "I have deliberated, and if you children love hard enough to go through all the trials of life together, and have your mind settled on this serious question, you may as well be married today as any time." Mother said, "Oh, no. I am not ready. I must have a nice wedding dress, besides I want to be married on my birthday" (21st of June). Father said, "I am willing, but I have never asked my Father, and I will not be of age till next month (July 24th). Father thinks well of Ann and I know he will not object." Grandmother said, "I want to be present when you are joined together, and I have no way of getting to



Littleton, so it will be best to have the knot tied today. Ann has on a clean white dress and we will have no strangers to witness." Father soon brought the minister, the vows were taken, the good byes said, the horse brought out and the bride and groom started on their wedding trip back to Littleton before sun set.

When they reached Grandfather's Chilion led Ann to his father and said, "Father, I have brought my wife home." "Well, well! You did not ask me. I am surprised." Father said, "I am somewhat surprised myself, but 'tis all right."

The next day Grandfather said, "Now, Chilion, you are married, you must get ready to go to housekeeping. I think I will let you take my house on the hill. You must work and get something to put in it." An apple tree had blown down in the orchard and father sawed some boards out of it. He worked one board rounding for the top of a trunk box which he made, it was all covered with the skin of the old sorrel mare that just died, the hair was left on and it was finished with brass tacks. This trunk stood in our living room in this City for years, and we children in play would ride on it saying, "It is a live animal taking us to Littleton, New Jersey."

Father was a good workman, he made a table and bench and some stools for his new home, which they soon occupied.

#### **Chilion's Visit, 1848. Extracts from the Diary of Hetty Johnson**

**April 15, Saturday.** The children and some of the grandchildren numbering in all forty-seven met and spent most of the day at Father Johnson's (in Littleton). It was a season of deep interest to all present. All his own children except the third living son (Baker) were there to enjoy the interview, and all the sons-in-law and their wives, and all the daughters-in-law excepting Chilion's wife and that of Baker. It was a source of regret that our number was not

perfect. The day was delightful; the sun seemed to smile upon us, and the balmy breezes of a spring day heightened the pleasure of so large a congregation of kindred near and dear.

**Sunday, 16.** Most of us attended public worship together and visited the graveyard where many very dear to our hearts have found their last resting place.

**Monday, 17.** In the morning, Brother Thomas and family, Brother Davis and wife, Brother Henry and wife, Brother James, his wife and their younger child, Sister Eliza, her husband and their two children, Sister Catherine's husband and my husband (Jacob) and myself left for Newark.

**Tuesday, 18.** In the evening, Brothers Chilion and Baker arrived in the wagon of the latter. (Baker drove from his parish in Stroudsburg, Pa.)

**Wednesday, 19,** proved a very stormy day (it snowed, hailed and rained).

**Thursday, 20.** In the afternoon the family met at Brother Thomas' and took tea. Father, Sisters Susan and Sarah, our niece, Susan Day and Brother Alfred's widow came down in the morning. Father was not well and therefore rode in the car with Sister Catherine, who staid on Monday on account of having had a chill and fever. All the friends from out of Newark, excepting Sisters Susan and Sarah, dined here. Mother met them here from New York.

**Friday, 21.** After dinner with us, Father, Mother, Sarah and Sally left for Littleton. It was a solemn parting between Brother Chilion, his daughter and those who left for the country.

**Saturday, 22.** Chilion, Susan, Jacob, Eliza Huntington and Brother Henry went down to Aaron's to dinner. After dinner they returned and were busy packing up to leave on Monday.



**Sunday, 25.** Sister Susan went to meeting with us in the morning. Staid home in P. M. Chilion went down to New York in the boat to hear Mr. Goble preach.

**Monday, 24.** In the morning several of the family procured or sat for their likenesses to give our departing brother. In the afternoon they left Newark for New York. My husband (Jacob) accompanied them as far as Albany where they took passage in the cars for Syracuse. Thus closed our delightful personal intercourse with those dear friends for the present.

**Tuesday, 25.** Cousin Betsy, Sister Susan, Sarah Baker and myself rode down to Brother Aaron's and spent most of the day.

**Wednesday, 26.** My husband returned from his jaunt this morning. Left Chilion and Susan and Susan Elston on board the car. This afternoon Sister Susan, Husband and I took tea with Brother Henry and Sister Maria.

#### **Chilion's Daughter Visits New Jersey, 1850-1851**

My dear Cousin, Sara J. Davis:

My sister, Susan Blair, has given me your letter of May 9th, to read and answer because she feels feeble this warm weather. Thus I have been stirred to write you some reminiscences of one of the most pleasant visits I ever made.

On August 20th, 1850, my dear mother and I started to New Jersey, the land of her nativity. She had been absent from her childhood home nearly thirty years, and I was to make my first long-anticipated visit.

Traveling then was not as it is now. There was no railroad nearer than Indianapolis, forty-five miles distant. We went in our own spring wagon to Lafayette on Monday, took a canal boat and reached Logansport at ten o'clock the next night. The locks in the canal were most wonderful to a Hoosier. Next morning we took an old-fashioned stage-coach, changing horses every ten miles, and going over a corduroy road, consisting of rails laid side by side in the



mud. We reached Niles, Mich., at midnight where I saw my first railroad and rode on the cars for the first time. This was another surprising experience to a child raised in a new country. Our next change was to get on a steamboat at Toledo, Ohio, and cross Lake Erie to Dunkirk, New York, where we took the cars for Buffalo and then to Albany, where we spent the next Sunday. In those times no cars travelled on Sunday. Monday, A. M., bright and early, we started for the great New York City, where I saw such wonderful sights that had I time I could almost write a book that might be worth reading.

We reached Uncle Jacob's, Mulberry Street in Newark, before dinner on Monday. I became sick with swinging coach and rumbling, shaking cars so I could hardly stand alone, and I was glad to go to bed, and there I remained for five weeks before we went up to Littleton to see my dear old Grandpa of whom my father had often given his children such glowing descriptions. I was very anxious to go to the old home of my father's boyhood. Uncle Jacob was very kind but did not look at all like my father, nor did Uncle Henry, but when Grandpa came he was so like my own father I felt right at home, and no words will express the joy and comfort I had out of my first visit with him and loving Grandma and sweet Aunt Susan, who proved to be a mother to me while I remained in that far from home land. Then Uncle James, who had previously visited us in Crawfordsville, was there sick, and he had three children who were like my own brothers and sisters, making it homelike.

Early in the spring of 1851, I went from Uncle Silas and Aunt Mary's where I had spent the winter attending school, up to Uncle Joel and Aunt Sarah Davis's who lived at the foot of Watnang Mountain to teach a five months' school in an old stone schoolhouse at a place called Harrisonville. Among my twenty pupils were my own cousins, Mary, Lottie and Fred Davis. Thomas was too old to go

to school; he worked at the bench with his father making shoes, and Jakey was too young. He was my pet and called me Cousin Dina, and ran to meet me in the evenings. One morning when we all sat around the breakfast table, Aunt Sarah came in from out-of-doors, saying, "It is chilly out." Jakey jumped down from his high-chair and ran out doors. In a moment he was back and said, "No, Mamma, Chillie is up to Grandpa's."

My stay with these good, kind people was very pleasant. Uncle Joel always had a smile on his face, and Aunt Sarah was never out of humor. At the end of each week I would go to my dear Grandpa's home, where I would meet with a hearty welcome. Chilion, the baby, named for my father, would run to meet me. Grandpa would take us to Morristown on Saturday when he did his marketing, Chilion to see for him, as he had poor eyes, and me to listen to stories of Washington, who was stationed there with his army during the Revolutionary war. Grandpa went to Morristown often when a boy and sold vegetables to Washington. He described Washington and took me to the very house where they spent the winter, making the history very real to me. He also took me to the old cemetery where lay so many of our dear kindred, pointing with his cane to the place where he would soon lie.

I had another pet named Joey Dickey Condict, who said, "I love Cousin Lina an hundred sousan bushels." In that house were two sweet little girls, one, Alice with blue eyes and winning ways, and Lottie, short, round and plump, a great talker and very loving. When I went down to Newark there was dear Aunt Hetty and Cousin Hannah and Sarah and Theodore. At Aunt Eliza's were Cousin Henry, mischievous Sam and sick Kitty. At Aunt Catherine's was a large family of cousins. The baby was Josiah Willie. There were seven children in my father's family and I felt at home among the many young cousins. Uncle Thomas was a loving man and his wife, a busy, kind aunt.





Spring Farm—Homestead of Mahlon Johnson, Littleton, N. J.



Lewis Baker Homestead, Littleton, N. J.





There were four cousins in that family. All my relatives were kind to me, but time forbids mentioning all of them.

Lina W. Beck,

Crawfordsville, Ind.

May 29th, 1911.

**The Old School.** Mrs. Angelina Beck, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, sent a message telling of her recollections of the old school house where she had finished her education, and where she had also gone with her uncle, James Harvey Johnson, to prayer meeting. She remembered that her part in the closing exercises of the school was to demonstrate a problem in geometry, while her cousin, Augustus Baker, held the book ready to prompt her. Miss Ford was the teacher at that time, and often ate her lunch with some of her pupils on the picnic grounds.

**Two Memory Quilts** made by Chilion Johnson's daughters, Susan and Lina, as a souvenir of their visit to the New Jersey relatives in 1848 and 1851 respectively, are now the prized possession of their niece, Mrs. Daniel D. Hains of New York City. Among the inscribed blocks of Susan's quilt is one "sacred to the memory of Sarah Johnson" which has some beautiful verses written on it. These were copied and by their help the no longer legible lines on the crumbling surface of the grave stone of Mahlon Johnson's wife were identified. In this unexpected way was an authentic record made of the otherwise unrecorded inscription. See Chap. II—Sketch: "Sarah Baker Johnson."

### **Surprise Party Given April 29, 1860.**

Written by Catherine to Chilion.

We returned last night from Littleton where we had been to Aunt Susan's to attend her surprise party, and it passed off very pleasantly indeed. It was an entire surprise to her. Cousin Betsy's daughter, Mary Jenkins went up a few days beforehand, and managed to have Aunt Susan out

calling at the time we were all to go, which was at 11 o'clock in the day. So we were on the spot in time, each one with our baskets of meat, pies, bread, biscuit, fowls, cake, jellies, all ready to be put on the table, which we were not long in doing and arranging on the long table in the old dining room and when it was completed, Aunt Susan drove up and seeing carriages, and horses put out, she said to her man. "What does it mean, have they come to sell us out, or what is it?" She was frightened but seeing Joel coming out smiling, she concluded there was nothing bad.

She proceeded into the house without the least suspicion of what was going on. When she opened the door, the room was filled, with sisters, nieces, and nephews and other friends, and I feared it might be almost too much for her, but she bore it very well. When we were all assembled around the table, there were letters read addressed to Aunt Susan from the sisters, and a ring, presented to her from them also, and inscribed on the inside **Mispah** which signifies "The Lord watch between me and thee," and on the outside **Sisters**. There were other presents.

We had a melting time and enjoyed ourselves in visiting and singing (and the younger part in playing) exceedingly.

### **The Thirteenth Child**

**Extract from the diary of Jacob Johnson, Nov. 9, 1817**

Last night came home to my father and was astonished with the presence of a little Stranger who made his entrance into this world last Saturday week. There are in our family 8 brothers and 5 sisters, 13 in all. And I am the oldest. Under what obligation am I to set a good example to such a numerous set of Brothers and Sisters. But I am afraid that if they look up to me for an example, they will have a bad one. May God have them in his holy keeping. May their infant minds be taught to shun the various evils and temptations which I by experience have found beset the youthful heart.



### **The Fourteenth Child**

From the Commonplace Book, Sept. 24, 1848, by J. Henry Johnson. The Story of Chilion's Cradle.

I am once more under my Father's roof, spending the Sabbath with Maria and my first born son. He was two months old on the 22d of this month, and this is his first visit to Grandpa's house. He was laid in the cradle that was made by brother Chilion for me. He made the cradle on the condition that he would have it himself, if he needed it, after I was done with it. It was not long before he had possession of it and his son Edwin occupied it until he made his vendue previous to his departure to the west, at which sale father bought it, though not without some difficulty, as Daniel Tuttle bid against him with a determination to have it. Now the son occupies the father's cradle. This cradle is not otherwise remarkable except it is very plain, comfortable and suitable for very young babies.

### **The Fifteenth Child**

Born the year of Chilion's departure for the west. He probably thought his mother would have no further use for his cradle. In later years the cradle came into the possession of J. Henry's niece, Mrs. Charlotte Tunis of New Vernon, N. J., and was used in her family. It is now an attic treasure in the home of her son, Allen D. Tunis of New Vernon.

**The Love Token** made by a maiden's own hands and having her initials on it to be presented to her favorite admirer, was an old Dutch custom. The following story was told by Dr. Alice B. Condict.

Mahlon Johnson was a poor boy, his father having died when he was young, and Sarah Baker's parents did not approve of his coming to see their daughter. He met Sarah Baker at the district school, and fell in love with her when he was still very young. He asked permission of Sarah to

come to her home to see her, but her parents objected so strongly and their objection was so evident that Mahlon had to give up his visits to her.

At this time, when Sarah and her mother were busy spinning the household linen, Sarah said to her mother, "Let us make some nice fine narrow linen for handkerchiefs." So they made a large piece into handkerchiefs and all unknown to her mother, Sarah kept out one handkerchief, and with her beautiful long brown hair, she embroidered her name in one corner. The next time that Mahlon saw her home from singing school, she slipped the handkerchief into his pocket. In after years, Mr. Lewis Baker became very proud of his son-in-law, but it was by coercion that he allowed his daughter to marry him.

### **Jacob, the Trooper and the Snow Drift**

Many stories are current among his descendants about Jacob, the Trooper and his strenuous adventures while on military duty during the Revolutionary war. The following comes from Miss Alice Lee of Morristown, N. J., to whom it was told by her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Johnson Condict (Mrs. Silas B.).

"Jacob Johnson, the father of our ancestor, Mahlon Johnson, was one of Gen. George Washington's Aides when he was in Morristown. Gen. Washington seemed fond of the young man and favored him. Jacob was a member of the Arnold Troop. One day, the General sent Jacob on a secret mission to deliver an important message in writing in the lower part of the State. He set out in the midst of a severe snow storm and by the time his galloping steed reached the New Bernardsville road, the drifts were so deep from the hillside that he and his horse were completely covered. He struggled here for hours trying to work his way through and finally delivered his document safely. The General was greatly pleased and said he could have entrusted so important a message only to a man of rare char-



acter. The result, however, was that the cold Jacob contracted from being buried in the snow quickly developed into consumption, from which he subsequently died. His wife took the disease from her husband and died a few years later, leaving their three little children orphans in a land of conflict and war."

### Jacob's Funeral

Mr. Charles Corwin contributes the following:

"A story told by Mary R. Corwin as told her by Sarah V. Davis, her mother, regarding the funeral of Jacob Johnson.

"The wagon upon which the coffin rested was an open one, and the coffin was entirely covered by a large flag. Preceding this wagon rode the minister and the doctor, each wearing a white linen scarf across the right shoulder tied in a sash under the left at the waist. This emblem was a mark of great respect to honorable citizens. The linen was afterward used to make shirts for the boys in the family."

**Jacob Johnson.** An item from one of the Year Books of the American Revolution states: "Jacob Johnson . . . the first soldier to be buried in Morristown with military honors."

**A Captain of Militia.** In a letter to his grand nephew, Alfred B. Johnson, dated December 8, 1894, J. Henry Johnson, youngest son of Mahlon Johnson of Littleton, N. J., writes as follows:

"Inclosed I hand you a photograph of your great grandfather, Mahlon Johnson, who was too young to have been in the army during the revolution but when he became of age was made Capt. of Militia." In closing, he writes:

"I am very glad to know you are interested in your family history, and hope you will keep up your interest, and not only that, but take honest pride in your ancestry, and do all that you can to keep up the patriotism which all



your ancestors were distinguished for. . . . I am, in odd moments, gathering up statistics of our family history, and hope to be better posted soon."

**The Drowning of Noah Johnson** was the tragedy in the Family Records. It is recorded that there was a group of eleven young boys about Noah's own age who followed in a group in his funeral procession, and these boys were either his cousins or his brothers.

An old diary of Uncle Jacob Johnson's that was written in 1817 and 1818 in the end gives an account of the death of his brother Noah.

"Tuesday, July 28, 1819: I now come to the most woful subject that ever was recorded in my diary. Oh, that it had been spared me ever to feel or know it. In the former part of my life I have had a great many things to afflict me, but they were nothing compared with this.

"On Tuesday last my brother Chilion and myself with our father's waggon and horses went on a kind of party of pleasure from Uncle Stephen Young's in company with Ephriam and Benjamin and some young men and girls to Mr. Robinson's in Morris Town; after spending the evening with a great deal of jolity and meriment we returned about 12 o'clock as happy as we went, but my joy was soon turned into mourning. While we were fixing our horses to return home Ephraim had been in the house, and coming out, told me there was some very heavy news for me in the house, as heavy as ever I heard. I was struck, could not imagine what it could be. My brother entered the house first; as I entered the house, I heard faltering from the tongue of my aunt, 'My Noah, your Noah, is drowned in Speedwell Pond, he dove down, struck his head against a stone and was no more.'

"The transit was so sudden from joy to sorrow that I cannot describe what I said or what I felt. I remember exclaiming, 'O God, have mercy on his never dying soul'."

## VII

# GENEALOGICAL NOTES

WALTER JOHNSON OF WALLINGFORD

Copy of Paper in the N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg. 1912, Vol. LXVI, Page 15, by Donald Lines Jacobus, New Haven, Conn.

Now much more perplexing is the origin of Walter Johnson of Wallingford, Conn., whose immediate family has been carefully compiled by Mr. James Shepard and published in the Register Vol. LVI, Page 139.

Up to the present time, nothing has been known concerning him, except that he appeared in Wallingford before 1692, married a nameless daughter of Nehemiah and Hannah Morgan Royce and died in 1731, leaving two sons—John and Lambert.

The following record from the Dutch Church of Flatbush, L. I., adds considerably to our meager information. "1689, July 5, Wouter Janson widv. of Johanna Rys of New Eng. at Wallingford to Tryntie Henerig wid. of Wm. Edwards liv. Penna (?)"

Two facts are made clear by this record of our Walter Johnson's second marriage.

In the first place it discloses the full name of his first wife, Joanna Royce.

In the second place, taken in connection with his signing his name Janson in Wallingford deeds, it indicates Dutch blood. Moreover it leads to the surmise that John was Walter's only child by the Royce alliance and that Lambert was the offspring of his second marriage. At any rate, John is named in his grandfather Royce's will and Lambert is not. And John deeds away Royce land and Lambert does not.

Moreover, late in life, Walter Johnson deeds a piece of land to his son Lambert, in consideration of which the latter is to maintain his father and mother for the rest of their lives. It looks very much as if this widow Tryntie was Lambert's mother.



Yet, interesting as these discoveries are, they do not go very far toward lifting the veil that obscures the early life of Walter Johnson. The problem is made more complex by a power of attorney (Wallingford Deeds Vol. 5- p. 454) granted in 1728 by John Benham of Kings Co., N. Y., Lambert Johnson and wife Anna of Richmond, N. Y., Jacob Johnson and wife Sarah of Richmond, and Evert Van Namen and wife Winefrut.

John, Anna, Sarah, and Winifred were four of the children of Joseph Benham of Wallingford by his wife Winifred King of Boston. Lambert and Jacob Johnson and Evert Van Namen, husbands of the three Benham girls, lived on Staten Island, where they belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church.

This document is surprising as it proves that two Dutch Johnsons of the same generation as Walter married Wallingford girls and one of those bore the name of Lambert, which was also the name of one of Walter's sons. A natural supposition is that they were brothers of his and met the Benham girls while visiting at his home.

As is well known, the Dutch rarely bore a permanent surname, but went by a patronymic derived from the father's Christian name. Thus Lambert and Jacob Johnson were simply Lambert and Jacob, sons of John and Jan: But before 1700 the Dutch in America had begun to retain the father's patronymic after the English fashion, so it need not surprise us to find in the Staten Island Records that Lambert and Jacob Johnson were sometimes known as Lambert and Jacob Wouters.

This implies that they were sons of a certain Jan Wouters. (John son of Walter) and that they sometimes called themselves Jansen after their father's Christian name.

This makes it all the more likely that Walter Johnson was their brother, for, as the son of Jan Wouters, he would be named after his grandfather Walter or Wouter.



Consequently, it is necessary to locate a Jan Wouters who could have been father of Walter Johnson and Lambert and Jacob. And what is our amazement to learn that Jacob Johnson, son of John Wouters, was born in Branford, Conn., Dec. 31, 1672. (Branford Records, Vol. 1, p. 174.)

Here is a Dutch Jacob Johnson who, learning the English tongue in his infancy, would be most eligible to marry an English girl. That he is identical with the Jacob of Staten Island, is proved by his father's name; and his wife Sarah Benham, was born four years later, Sept. 6, 1676.

According to Savage, Jan Wouters lived at Branford from 1667 to 1673, and when we come to search for his antecedents we find that in 1667, he owned Salt meadows in Flatbush, L. I., the very place where Walter Johnson, undoubtedly his son, married his second wife. From Branford, he (Jan) returned to Flatbush, where in 1678 he hires out his son Ruth (Rutger) to his brother-in-law (Lawrence), Laurens Jurianse. He was living in 1695, when he calls himself of New York. (This is Jan.)

Jan Wouters is by no means an uncommon name and it will therefore be necessary to give some evidence that our man of that name, who was a master shoemaker by trade, was identical with Jan Wouters Van der Bosch whose name appears on the Flatbush Long Island Church records of this period.

On 12 May, 1678, were baptized Jacobus, aged  $5\frac{1}{2}$ , Judith, aged  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and Jan, aged  $1\frac{1}{4}$ , children of Jan Wouters Van der Bosch and Weintie Peters, who came from Stamford, New England. It is probable that the original record reads "Branford" and that Stamford is an error of the copyist, who prepared these records for the press.

A limited search in Stamford, Conn., has failed to reveal the presence of any Jan Waters or Wouters or Van der Bosches. Moreover, the age of Jacobus (the Latinized form of Jacob or James) exactly corresponds with the age

of Jacob Johnson, son of Jan Wouters who was born at Branford in 1672. On the whole, it is extremely improbable that two Jan Wouters, one at Branford and the other at Stamford, each had a son Jacob born in the same month of the same year.

Another proof of identity is the fact that Jan Wouters Van der Bosch married Weintie Peters while Laurens Juri-  
anse had married Kenira Peters; and we have already mentioned that Laurens Juri-  
anse was brother-in-law of our Jan Wouters. With these facts established, it is possible to sketch the earlier generations of Walter Johnson's family.

Generation 1.

Jan Wouters Van der Bosch, son of Wouter Van der Bosch, born about 1638, resided at Flatbush, L. I., and at Branford, Conn., and died after 1695.

He married first Arentje Arents and secondly Weintie Peters, whose sister Kenira Peters married July 5, 1676, Laurens Juri-  
anse Haf. The Peters family came from Amersfort. Children by first wife:

- I. Lambert Jansen baptized New York, 17 Nov., 1660.
- II. Hendrick Jansen baptized New York, 30 March, 1663.
- III. Wouter Jansen baptized Flatbush, L. I., about 1666.

Children of Jan Wouters Van der Bosch by 2nd wife:

- IV. Rutgert Jansen baptized New York, Nov. 16, 1669.  
Married there Annetje Gerrits.
- V. Benjamin Jansen baptized New York April 9, 1671.
- VI. Jacob Jansen baptized Branford, Conn., Dec. 31, 1672.
- VII. Judith Jansen baptized Dec. 1675. Married John Anderson, New York.
- VIII. Jan Jansen, b. abt. Dec. 1677.
- IX. Sara Jansen baptized Flatbush, Dec. 5, 1680. Amers-  
fort.
- X. Cornelis Jansen baptized Flatbush, Jan. 20, 1682.
- XI. Stintie Jansen baptized Flatbush, Sept. 28, 1684.
- XII. Antje Jansen, b. abt. 1688.

**New England Genealogical and Historical Register,  
Volume LXVII. Oct., 1913. Note by D. L. Jacobus,  
New Haven, Conn., on page 380.**

In Register, Vol. LXVII. pp. 15-17. Evidence was presented to prove that Walter Johnson of Wallingford was son of Jan Wouters of Branford, Conn., Flatbush, L. I., and New York. The following record from Branford contributed by Miss Ethel Lord Scofield of East Haven, confirms this conjecture.

On Jan. 31, 1703-4, John Wooters, "sometimes since a resident of Branford, now a sojourner in the town of Wallingford" conveys land in Branford.

Witnesses: John Hall and Walter Johnson.

**(Branford Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 203)**

Eleanor Johnson who married 14 Oct., 1714, Joseph Cook of Wallingford and Goshen, and whose parentage has not hitherto been determined, was probably a daughter of Walter Johnson by his second wife. The names Walter and Lambert appear among her children.

**Wallingford (Branford Rec.), 1703, Jan. 31.**

John Wouters personally appeared before me and acknowledged the above written sale of land as by his act and deed according to law. Recorded Feb. 2, 1703, by Eleazar Stout.

John Hall, Justice

Register.

**Wallingford Town Hall Records, Vol. II, page 66.**

Walter Jonson gives to his friend William Hendrick—  
seen acres of land—1703.

John Hall

Thomas Hall,

Jan Wouterz

Town Clerk.

Witnesses.

Page 547, May 4, 1706.

Walter Johnson gives deeds to sons Lambert and John.

Vol. 1, page 178 (Copy land grant to Walter)



**Wallingford Town Records, Page 2, May 4, 1692.**

Another grant to Walter Jonsoen. Nathaniel Royce, Surveyor. All given by selectmen as granters.

Vol. III, Page 88, Feb. 20, 1718.

Walter Johnson gives land to Lambert his son.

Vol. III, page 275, gives to Tryntie.

Abstract of New York Wills from 1665 to 1753 in 8 volumes has no mention of Jan Wauterson and evidently Jan did not die in New York State.

**Holland Year Book, 1898, on page 109, has record.**

Baptisms of Jacobus 5½, Judith 2, and Jan 1¼, May 12, 1678. Children of Jan Wouters V. der Bosch and Weintie Peters, who came from Branford, New England. Dutch Church, Flatbush. Marriages begin with Oct., 1677. Baptisms Sept.

**Records of Dutch Churches, Holland Society, 1891.**

Original Records of the Dutch Church at Flatbush are lost. Henry Onderdonk made a copy of the marriage and Baptismal register which was deposited with the Long Island Hist. Society. This copy is not accurate as he in many cases added what he thought to be family names and often abbreviated.

This Holland Year Book for 1898 on page 87 to 152 has the Flatbush records made by Onderdonk.

Record of Wouter Jansen's marriage to Tryntie Hen-erig, July 5, 1689, at Flatbush.

Also Records Dutch Church Holland Society, 1891.

There are many real estate transfers and local records about Jan Woutersen that one could follow up if desired.

#### *EDWARD BALL OF BRANFORD*

There were six Balls who came to America: Richard, John, Francis, Samuel, Alling, William. The Church of which most of them were members came in a body. A chief man among them was William Tuttle. He and his

wife Elizabeth and three children came over in the ship Planter in 1635. That fixes the date of the coming of Alling Ball (and his first wife, Susan) with reasonable certainty.

The two families were intimate, and intermarried. They first came to Boston, and remained in that vicinity till 1639, when they removed to Connecticut as a church, and located at New Haven, and owned property, side by side, that is now owned by Yale College.

In 1650 Alling Ball was manager of the Davenport farm in East New Haven. How long he had lived there has not yet been ascertained; in all probability it had been several years, perhaps nine, or ten. No record is yet discovered of the birth of children there until April, 1649, the date on which John, who married Sarah Glover, was born. The date of the birth of Edward Ball, according to J. R. Burnet's chart, was about 1642 or 3, during the probable residence of Alling at East New Haven.

The Branford and East New Haven settlements were practically one, with one Independent or Congregational church, under one pastor. In 1666 Edward Ball was a member of that church, and Rev. Abraham Pierson was pastor, and led his congregation to emigrate to Newark. He also named the new settlement after the Newark in England where he formerly was pastor. About thirty families had moved there from New Haven the year before. The New Haven and Branford churches were closely allied, and readily united in the scheme of planting a Puritan city in New Jersey.

Considering the time and place of Alling Ball's residence; the entire absence of evidence that other Balls lived in that vicinity; the strong probability that children were born in the family between 1640 and 1649; the age of Edward pointing to his birth between those dates; the union of Edward with the church with which Alling was identified; the improbability of so young a man, at that period, coming



alone to the East New Haven and Branford settlement, the conclusion is next to irresistible that he was a son of Alling.

Why then, it is proper to ask, does not his name appear in the Will of Alling? The answer to this is, that others were omitted, and hence the omission of his name is not significant. The name of Eliphelet is not found in the Will, though there is positive evidence that he was one of Alling's sons. There were reasons, doubtless, why Edward was not made a legatee. He was an older son; had settled in Newark, N. J.; was well-to-do, and for these reasons, probably, was not named. Moreover it is not at all singular that his name and others are not found in Alling's family record. At that time such records were not carefully kept, and when made, were often lost.

Edward, as son of Alling, and older than John, who was born in 1649, would be about 24 years of age when he removed to Newark, N. J. All circumstances denote that he was then a young, vigorous, enterprising, and prosperous man; an active member of the church, and an influential citizen. In a few years he became high sheriff of Essex County, N. J., and in 1693 he is mentioned as holding several public positions, such as commissioner of delicate and important trusts. He was married in Connecticut to Abigail Blatchley. Their children were: Joseph, Moses, Thomas, Caleb, Lydia Park, Abigail Harrison. The territory selected for the city of Newark was laid out in sections, and a lot of six acres assigned to Edward Ball between Broad and Washington Sts., and is now worth millions of dollars.

The living descendants of Edward now probably number two or three thousand. They are more numerous in New Jersey than elsewhere, but are found in large numbers in nearly every State of the Union. The other children of Alling also have a numerous progeny. They were John, born 1649; Eliphelet, 1651; Alling, 1656; Mary, and probably others of whom no record has yet been found.

Extract from the Union Record (1901).



Children of Lewis Baker, late of Littleton, N. J., as they are listed in the petition for the division of his lands, which petition is dated December 23, 1831.

Catharine Wheeler, wife of David Y. Wheeler.

Abigail Young, wife of Stephen Young.

Sarah Johnson, wife of Mahlon Johnson.

Daniel Baker	}	These three sons died before the date of the petition, leaving children, whose names are not given.
Abraham Baker		
Sineas C. Baker		The children of Sineas C. Baker are said to be minors on Dec. 23, 1831.

Polly Howell, wife of Jared Howell.

Nathaniel Baker

Jane S. Elkins

Lewis Baker

M. Elizabeth Clark

**Alfred Vail Records at the N. Y. Gen. & Biog. Society  
124 East 58th St., New York City**

Here in a scrap book are all the letters written to Alfred Vail by the children of Mahlon Johnson in the years about 1850. Among other things, Chilion says in his letter to Alfred Vail:

“Uncle Jacob, Father’s brother, died in this state some 3 years ago. He left a large number of descendants. Francis Johnson lives at Logansport, Indiana; Jacob Johnson lives near Winchester, Indiana. Anna, wife of Henry Kinney, Uncle Jacob’s oldest daughter, lives in Dayton, Ohio. Some live in Butler County, Ohio.”

WILLS

**Extract From Will of Mahlon Johnson**

In the name of God Amen.

I, Mahlon Johnson of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, being of sound mind and memory but taking into consideration the short-

ness of life do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking all others.

Item 1st—I commit my soul to God, my Saviour, and my body to be buried by my friends, after my decease in a Christian like manner in the hope of the final resurrection of the just.

Item 2d—It is my will that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be paid by executor herein after named, out of my personal estate and if this should not be sufficient, I authorize my executor to sell at public auction so much of my outlands as may be sufficient and to give deeds for the same.

Item 3rd—Names and describes 16 acres of land which his dearly beloved wife Mary as long as she remains my widow and my affectionate daughter Susan as long as she remains unmarried shall jointly occupy and enjoy with all the privileges and profits arising therefrom.

My wife Mary shall occupy exclusively and solely the front room and the two bedrooms above in my dwelling house.

Susan the back room and pantry and two bedrooms above.

Jointly occupy the rest of the house and also have use of the best one horse wagon and one of the best horses. Also harness.

In case of the death of either to go to heirs.

Item 4—I do give to my said wife Mary all the furniture she brought to me when we were married, and all my right and estate of and in and to a certain Bond and Mortgage given to her by my son Jacob Johnson of Newark for the sum of \$950.00.

Item 5—I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan One Hundred Dollars, the two striped carpets and the rag carpet in her bedroom, one cow and one feather bed, two bedsteads, the brass kettle, one large and one small looking glass, 8 chairs with 4 green ones, the beams, the blinds, in

the front room, 6 small and 6 large knives and forks, the old set of china, and one pair brass candlesticks, 3 large silver spoons. The other 3 large silver spoons I give to my daughter Sarah, and the old silver teaspoons, five in number, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary together with a feather bed now claimed by her.

Item 6—Names all the children and heirs of children up to the number of 13. Mentions old claims which are to be collected from children.

Jacob Johnson to be executor.

Mahlon Johnson.

Dated, Oct. 15, 1849.

Mahlon died Dec. 20, 1857.

**Synopsis of Will of Jacob Johnson, Dated Feb. 28, 1780.**

In the name of God amen. I, Jacob Johnson of the Town of Hanover, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, yeoman this twenty-eighth day of February, 1780, being in a weak state of body, but of perfect mind and memory, and calling to mind my frailty, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I devote my soul to God its rightful owner and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God and as to such worldly estates, with which it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner.

Imprimis. It is my will that my just debts and funeral charges be first paid out of my personal estate by my executors.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Anne Johnson, one third of my personal estate, and one third of what those lands shall sell for which by this will I shall appoint my executors to sell, that is after the debts are paid, and that as an absolute inheritance and further I give her



the whole profit of my real estate as long as she is my widow and no longer, and that to enable her to give good English learning to my children and that therefore they be kept in school till they are fourteen years old at least, and then to be disposed of at the discretion of my executors, either in trades or in farming way as they shall think proper, but if any of them should choose liberal education, I therefor fully authorize.

Names sons Noah, Mahlon and Jacob, to have what is not given to their mother. Appoints as executors, friends, Capt. James Keen and Gershom Gard.

I have ten acres on the mountain above Shubal To-bridge; also 33 acres on the mountain that is in two lots; also 32 acres in Persepening and bought of David Baker; all of which are to be sold and one third of the money given to my wife.

WITNESSES, Aaron Marsh, Jacob Whitehead, Timothy Johnes. Proved April 27, 1780.

Recorded, Secretary of States Office at Trenton.

**Will of John Johnson dated July 31, 1775.**

(John Johnson died May 4, 1776.)

disposes of "worldly estates," directs just debts and funeral expenses be "first paid out of movable and personal estate by executors,"

Gives to "beloved wife Abigail as long as she shall remain my widow" use of one half part of dwelling house I now live in and of the barn and of the plantation I now live on which hereafter is given to my son Jacob, also to wife privilege of getting fire-wood sufficient for one fire from woodlot I bought of Matthew Fairchild and hereafter given to son Jacob, also to my wife in lieu of right of dower one half my movable and personal estate after debts and funeral expenses are paid.

To eldest son Elisha Johnson all that parcel of land on the S. W. side of my forge pond which I bought of Phineas

Fairchild also two thirds part of the forge, coal houses and utensils belonging, standing on the dam.

To son Gershom Johnson that part of my Plain lot lying on N. W. side Morristown to Rockaway road which I bought of Joseph Coe and others, also thirty acres of meadow land to be taken off the east end of the land lying near Pine Swamp joining Wheeler and Ford, also the remaining one third part of the aforesaid forge, coal houses and utensils.

To my son Joseph Johnson "all such part of my Plain lot of land lying upon the east side of the road that leads from Morristown to Rockaway, that is to say, all to the east of the fence that I divided to the first lot adjoining to the **land**" (?road).

To my son Jacob Johnson lands and buildings belonging to plantation where I now live and forty acre woodland bought of Matthew Fairchild joining lands of Keene, Howell and others, subject to aforesaid use by wife.

Directs executors to sell in six months at public vendue movable estate and remainder of Plains lot not willed to Joseph, Pine Swamp meadow not willed to Gershom, "all my right in and to the lot of land lying near White Meadow Forge, all my right and title to the lots on Watnong Mountain one upon the road where the Widow Trowbridge lives and the other lying upon the road that leads to Captain Loseys, together with all the other lands that is not mentioned or willed that I own, have or may have before my decease."

The monies arising from the sale "to be equally divided between my four daughters, vis., Anne, Kexiah, Abigail, Lyddia and the three sons of my daughter Sarah, deceased, which are to be equal to one share with my daughters share and share alike." Directs executors in one year after my decease to make division and pay legacies to daughters and "the legacy of the three sons of my said daughter Sarah,

dec'd, to be put out at interest for their use" and each paid "so much as is his share" at twenty-one.

"I constitute, make and appoint my son Gershom Johnson and Daniel Gard, Junior, my executors of this my last will."

Signed, Sealed, Published and pronounced and declared by the said John Johnson, as his last will and testament in the presence of the subscribers, who, at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

JOHN JOHNSON (L. S.)

Peter Mackie took oath before Jabez Canfield, Surrogate, at Morris Town, the 19th day of December, 1787.

The foregoing will, being proved, letters of administration, cum testamento annexo, were granted by His Excellency, William Livingston, unto Joseph Johnson, Administrator of the Estate of John Johnson, late of the County of Morris, deceased, he being first duly sworn, well and truly to administer the same, exhibit a true and perfect inventory, and render a just and true account of his administration.

Given under the prerogative seal the nineteenth day of December, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-seven.

MOSES REED, Register.

Recorded at Trenton.



# VIII

## MAP AND CHART

### KEY TO GRAPHIC MAP

The Graphic Map was planned to enable the descendants of Mahlon Johnson to gain a definite picture of the haunts and homes of the Johnson family along the seven mile highway from Morristown to Parsippany. No attempt was made to draw a map to scale with scientific exactness, but merely to sketch in picture form the objects of family interest along this much frequented highway in a form suitable for the fly leaf of this book. For it was over this road that seven generations of our ancestors passed back and forth in their day, and over which many of them came to their last resting place in the burying grounds of either Morristown or Parsippany.

### **The Morristown Burying Ground**

A large number of our ancestors rest in the cemetery of Morristown, some in unmarked graves. The Bill of Mortality records the death of Mary the wife of our first settler, John Johnson, Sr., and also the death of John Johnson, Jr., but their graves cannot be identified today. The graves of Mahlon Johnson and his father and mother, his first wife Sarah, and his second wife, many of his children, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren are located near the entrance and along the road at the left. The Memorial Tablet erected by the Mahlon Johnson Association is not far from the entrance. The following kindred are buried here:

Jacob Johnson and Anne Vail, his widow (Parents of Mahlon Johnson); Joseph Johnson and Martha Vail, his widow (Uncle and Aunt of Mahlon Johnson); Mahlon Johnson and Sarah Baker, his wife, and Mary Roberson, his widow (son of Jacob and Anne); Noah Johnson, son of Mahlon and Sarah; Sarah Vail Johnson and Joel Davis, her husband (daughter of Mahlon and Sarah); Jacob Johnson

Davis (son of Sarah and Joel); James H. Johnson and Hannah, his wife (son of Mahlon and Sarah); Alfred Johnson (son of Mahlon and Sarah); Margaret B. Johnson, wife of Belknap Gregory (daughter of Alfred and Sarah Johnson); Jonathan (son of Alfred and Sarah); Mary Johnson and Silas Byram Condict, her husband (daughter of Mahlon and Sarah); Emeline Phillips Condict (daughter of Silas B. and Mary J. Condict); Anna H. Yeaman, wife of Walter H. Condict; Alice Byram Condict (daughter of Silas B. and Mary J. Condict); Charlotte Ford Condict and Joseph M. Lee, her husband (daughter of Silas B. and Mary J. Condict); Rev. Walter Condict and Cornelia A. Eames, his wife (son of Silas B. and Mary J.); Jonathan Dickinson Condict (son of Silas B. and Mary J.); Henry Vail Condict (son of Silas B. and Mary J.); Cuyler Condict (son of Henry Vail and Anna Hudson Condict); Hudson King Condict (son of Henry Vail and Anna Hudson Condict); Jacob Johnson and Hetty B. Vail, his wife (son of Mahlon and Sarah Johnson); Mahlon Johnson (son of Jacob and Hetty V. Johnson); Sarah Johnson and J. Elliot Condict, her husband (daughter of Jacob and Hetty Johnson); Edwyn Condict (son of Sarah and J. Elliot Condict); Elliot Condict (son of Sarah and J. Elliot Condict); Hannah More Johnson (daughter of Jacob and Hetty Johnson).

### Speedwell Iron Works

The Speedwell Iron Works deserve recognition on at least five independent grounds: First, because of their historic beginning, they having been founded in Revolutionary times in a town which more than once was occupied as winter quarters by the Continental army. Second: because thence came the machinery for the "Savannah," the first steamship to cross the Atlantic ocean. Third: because the first (?) castiron plow made in America was there produced. Fourth: because there were forged tires, axles and cranks for the earliest American locomotive. Fifth: because that plant was the home of the first commercial electrical indus-



try in the world—the magnetic telegraph. There is a tradition that “the first cast-iron plow,” in the United States at least, was made at the Speedwell Iron Works, and further, that its inventor was Mahlon Johnson, of Littleton, Morris County, N. J.

The pond where Noah was drowned, no longer exists.

The two fine homes on each side of Speedwell Ave. just beyond the Iron Works (not indicated on the map) were the homes of Judge Stephen Vail, owner of the Iron Works 1807-1865 (on the right) and Alfred Vail (on the left). The site of the old Iron Works has been made into a public park. The Iron Works has not been operated since Stephen Vail's death.

### **John Johnson, Junior, Place**

Indicated on map by two pear trees on a knoll, John Johnson's home long ago destroyed, was a large two-story house with its side towards the Littleton road. The pear tree land marks may be identified by their proximity to the house which still stands on a high bank on the north side of the road, about one third of a mile from the Littleton Corners toward Morris Plains. A slight bend in the road, affords from the knoll a commanding view of the approach from Morris Plains and the surrounding country.

The following members of the family according to Mr. Edward Howell lived here: John Johnson, Jr., and his wife, Abigail Ball; Jacob Johnson, d. 1780 and wife Anne Vail, d. 1784; Noah, Mahlon and Jacob, orphans, lived here with their uncle, John Vail and wife until 1788; Joseph Johnson 1788 to death 1832, his wife, Martha Vail 1788 to 1837 (d. 1839); Isaac Johnson and wife Eunice Vail 1849-1854 (when Isaac died).

### **Littleton Corners**

The Store was on the right hand corner as you turn East on the Dover Turnpike. The old original building was moved away from the corner and now occupies the lot be-



yond and adjacent to the Jacob Johnson house, facing the Turnpike. It is not indicated on the map.

The Jacob Johnson (son of Mahlon) House. According to Hannah More Johnson in the sketch "A New Jersey Wedding, 1831," this house was built one hundred years ago. It is the first residence from the corner facing the Turnpike and is said to be the oldest of any of the buildings at the "Corners."

#### **Mahlon Johnson Homestead and Spring**

1875, November 25, Thanksgiving Day. The very last gathering of the family was held at the old homestead, "Springfarm." After the passing of Mahlon Johnson, his son, John Henry, bought the farm from his brothers and sisters and lived there for a number of years, then sold it to Stephen Young, from whom it passed to D. H. McAlpin, the father of the present owner Dr. Hunter McAlpin.

Dr. McAlpin built a colonial house on the spot indicated on the map as the pioneer home of Silas Condict. It is approached from the Littleton road by a fine avenue of poplar trees. "The Homestead" is near the entrance of the estate opening on the turnpike. It is now used to house the family of an employe of Dr. McAlpin. Mahlon Johnson himself built the house more than a hundred years ago. Henry Vail Condict gives the following items about the farm and the famous Spring.

I find that on April 21, 1801, Mahlon Johnson bought his first parcel of land from his brothers. It was a tract of nine and 87-100 acres and he paid \$173.51 for it as appears by the deed on record. I am not able to identify this land. It was located somewhere at Littleton and may have been part of his homestead farm.

He appears to have bought a considerable amount of property; from 15 to 20 parcels in all. In 1813 he bought from his brother, Noah, four parcels aggregating nearly 44 acres. One of these parcels included the spring and his brother Noah in the deed reserved the right of way to the

spring and the right to use the water from it. This would indicate that for a hundred years at least the old spring has been regarded as of great importance.

I can remember when I was a small boy going to the spring and seeing the ram forcing the water through a pipe to the milk house which still exists, I believe, at the old homestead.

Dr. McAlpin recently told me that he has retained the house in its original shape and for this we are all grateful to the Doctor. He also says he regards the spring as one of the very best in this vicinity, and that the water is of great purity and wholesomeness.

The house has only recently been remodelled.

### **The School House**

In modern dress, but the same building where the Johnsons, Bakers, Vails, and Condicts went to school. A number of the annual meetings of the Mahlon Johnson Association have been held at the school.

For one hundred and forty years Sunday religious services have been carried on here by the residents.

### **Springside**

This beautiful home was built by Silas Byram Condict, who sold it to Thomas Vail Johnson. For many years the three sons of Mahlon Johnson, Jacob, Alfred and Thomas, lived near their father's Homestead in Littleton. In 1865 a family reunion was held here when Chilion Johnson and his wife made their last visit to their New Jersey kindred.

### **Silas Condict Home**

The old Silas Condict home is on the adjoining property to Dr. McAlpin's. It can still be distinguished, although it now forms the back part of a rather pretentious modern house. The rows of fine shade trees on each side of the Littleton thoroughfare are of Silas Condict's planting. His son Silas B. Condict married Mary, the daughter of Mahlon Johnson.



The first Sunday school in Morris County was started here, 1809.

#### **Lewis Baker House**

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The old house has been modernized, but is now somewhat dilapidated. It stands rather close to and with its side towards the road. Some tall old pine trees grow in front of it.

#### **John Johnson, Senior, Place**

About a half mile beyond the Lewis Baker house, two giant Sycamore trees on the left extend their luxuriant foliage in a leafy canopy over the road. No other landmark remains to show where John Johnson made his first home in New Jersey about 1722. The last house to occupy the ground was destroyed by fire in 1912. A fine view can be had from the crest of the slope behind the trees.

#### **Parsippany Church and Burying Ground**

This Church celebrated its centennial in 1928. The Lewis Baker family graves, marked by Cypress trees, are located at the left in the old part of the cemetery. Here are buried: Lewis Baker and wife, Elizabeth Sayre; Lewis Baker, Jr., and wife, Elizabeth Clark, and their son Augustus Baker; Elizabeth Clark Baker's father and mother, Enoch and Sarah Baker Clark; Elizabeth Clark Baker's grandfather and grandmother, Jonathan and Margaret Baker.



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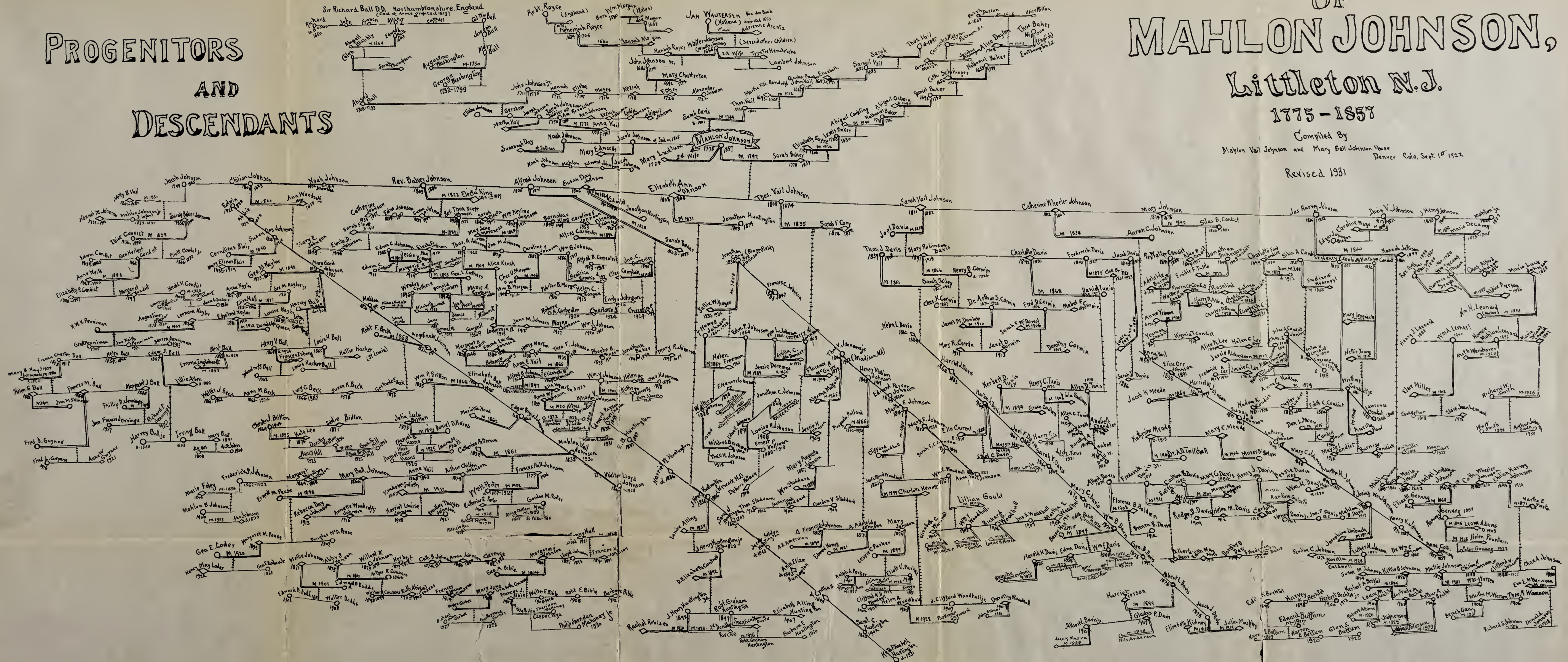


# PROGENITORS AND DESCENDANTS

# OF MAHLON JOHNSON, Littleton N.J. 1775 - 1857

Compiled By  
Mahlon Vail Johnson and Mary Ball Johnson Pose  
Denver Colo. Sept 1st 1922

Revised 1931





# PROGENITORS AND DESCENDANTS



# MAHLON JOHNSON FAMILY

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## DESCENDANTS

A Census of Mahlon Johnson's Descendants, July 1931

Children Gen. Two	Gen. Three	Gen. Four	Gen. Five	Gen. Six	Surviving Total
Jacob	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-2	5
Chillion	10-0	33-12	36-30	17-16	58
Noah					
Baker	9-1	12-5	17-13	6-6	25
Alfred	7-0	7-3	2-2	3-3	8
Susan					
Elizabeth Huntington	10-0	1-0	3-3	2-2	5
Thomas Vail Johnson	9-2	10-8	20-17	8-8	35
Sarah Davis	5-0	24-17	27-27	4-3	47
Catherine Johnson	10-2	5-4	0-0		6
Mary Condict	8-2	15-10	13-12		24
James Harvey	5-0	7-6	8-7		18
Davis	1-0				
John Henry	4-1	4-4	4-4		9
Mahlon (infant)					
Totals	80-8	118-70	133-115	42-40	240

The first figures in the above table in each column are the number of children.

The second figures show those surviving July, 1931.

M.B.J.P.

The descendants of Mahlon in 1931 appear to be largely of some other name than Johnson. The fifth generation has so far only ten Johnson boys and the sixth generation only two Johnson boys. Only five of Mahlon's sons are represented in the Johnson boys of the fifth generation.

Three grandchildren were Presbyterian pastors, one was a foreign missionary to India and the Philippines. Several were Mission teachers. Many have given all their time of leisure to some form of church work. Six were in service during the Civil War, and the same spirit of service was shown in this late World War when fourteen of the Johnson family were found following the flag.

## How to Read the List of Descendants

The records of the descendants start with Mahlon Johnson as Generation One. Each child of Mahlon is recorded 1 for Mahlon and given his own number in the family following the 1.

Jacob is called 11, and his child, Sarah B., is 113 - her

child is G. Herbert 1132 and Herbert's child is Harold 11323 and Harold's child is Lawrence 113231.

Mary is the eleventh child and so she is recorded as 1-11 and her child Henry Vail Condict is 1-11-6 and his grandchild, Condict Moore, is 1-11-631.

The number of digits shows the generation; where there are over nine children, the tenth and those younger have two numbers set off by hyphens. This may be carried on through future generations and will always give the generation and lineage of the descendants back to Mahlon.

First Generation

MAHLON JOHNSON - 1775 1857

Second Generation - Children

1	Mahlon Johnson . . . . .	Nov. 5, 1775	1857
	Married Nov. 18, 1797, Littleton, New Jersey		
	Sarah Baker . . . . .	May 8, 1778	1837
	15 children		
11	Jacob Johnson . . . . .	Nov. 22, 1798	1865
12	Chilion Johnson . . . . .	July 24, 1800	1883
13	Noah Johnson . . . . .	Feb. 17, 1802	1819
14	Baker Johnson . . . . .	Oct. 23, 1803	1886
15	Alfred Johnson . . . . .	May 15, 1805	1847
16	Susan Day Johnson . . . . .	Aug. 26, 1806	1877
17	Elizabeth Ann Johnson . . . . .	Feb. 16, 1808	1863
18	Thomas Vail Johnson . . . . .	Oct. 8, 1809	1874
19	Sarah Vail Johnson . . . . .	Mar. 10, 1811	1882
1-10	Catherine Wheeler Johnson . . . . .	July 5, 1812	1863
1-11	Mary Johnson . . . . .	Aug. 2, 1814	1878
1-12	James Harvey Johnson . . . . .	Mar. 14, 1816	1852
1-13	Davis Vail Johnson . . . . .	Nov. 1, 1817	1871
1-14	John Henry Johnson . . . . .	Oct. 28, 1820	1902
1-15	Mahlon Johnson Jr. . . . .	Sept. 1823	1823
	Married Second Wife, 1839		
	Mary Robertson Ludlam, widow		
	No children		



# THIRD GENERATION

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## Third Generation - Grandchildren

11 - JACOB JOHNSON - 1798 1865

Married 1831, Newark, New Jersey

Hetty Baker Vail . . . . . 1801 1882

3 children

111 Hannah More Johnson . . . . . 1832 1902

112 Mahlon Johnson Jr. . . . . 1833 1839

113 Sarah Baker Johnson . . . . . 1836 1904

12 - CHILION JOHNSON - 1800 1883

Married 1821, Westfield, New Jersey

Angelina Woodruff . . . . . 1800 1878

10 children

121 Edwin Johnson . . . . . 1822 1823

122 Abbie Johnson . . . . . 1823 1823

123 Susan Day Johnson . . . . . 1825 1912

124 Mary Gard Johnson . . . . . 1828 1893

125 Mahlon Woodruff Johnson . . . . . 1830 1834

126 Angelina Woodruff Johnson . . . . . 1832 1919

127 Elizabeth Ball Johnson . . . . . 1834 1906

128 Edgar Bryce Johnson . . . . . 1836 1862

129 Mahlon Vail Johnson . . . . . 1838 1930

12-10 Walter Lloyd Johnson . . . . . 1842 1928

Crawfordsville, Ind. Residence for years

14 - BAKER JOHNSON - 1803 1886

Married 1832, Rockaway, New Jersey

Electa J. King . . . . . 1812 1887

9 children

141 Catherine Johnson . . . . . 1833 1837

142 Edward Payson Johnson . . . . . 1834 1837

143 Susan Huntington Johnson . . . . . 1837 1909

144 Thomas Scott Johnson . . . . . 1839 1927

145 Sarah Electa Johnson . . . . . 1840 1907

146 William Nevins Johnson . . . . . 1842 1911

147 Barnabas King Johnson . . . . . 1844 1909

148 Caroline S. Johnson . . . . . 1853

149 Elizabeth King Johnson . . . . . 1855 1926

Oxford, Wis. Residence for years

15 - ALFRED JOHNSON - 1805 1847

Married 1828, Littleton, New Jersey

Sarah Clark Baker . . . . . 1803 1882

7 children

151 Margaret B. Johnson . . . . . 1828 1857

152 Emma Lucilla Johnson . . . . . 1830 1898

153 Henry Martin Johnson . . . . . 1833 1855

MAHLON JOHNSON FAMILY

15 - ALFRED JOHNSON - 1805 1847 (Cont'd.)

154	Theodore F. Johnson . . . . .	1835	1910
155	Phoebe Baker Johnson . . . . .	1838	1911
156	Jonathan Baker Johnson . . . . .	1841	1849
157	Mary Robertson Johnson . . . . .	1843	1899

16 - SUSAN DAY JOHNSON - 1806 1877

Married 1869, Littleton, New Jersey  
Jonathan E. Huntington . . . . . 1809 1874  
No children  
Residence, Newark, New Jersey

17 - ELIZABETH ANN JOHNSON - 1808 1863

	Married 1831, Littleton, New Jersey		
	Jonathan E. Huntington . . . . .	1809	1874
	10 children		
171	Edward Payson Huntington . . . . .	1833	1833
172	Edward Baxter Huntington . . . . .	183+	1837
173	Harriet Winslow Huntington . . . . .	183+	1836
174	Jonathan Henry Huntington . . . . .	1836	1906
175	Sarah Johnson Huntington . . . . .		1843
176	Jacob Selden Huntington . . . . .		1843
177	Ann Eliza Huntington . . . . .		1843
178	Cynthia Selden Huntington . . . . .		1845
179	Samuel Comstock Huntington . . . . .	1845	1902
17-10	Katherine Elizabeth Huntington . . . . .	1850	1931
	Residence, Newark, New Jersey		

18 - THOMAS VAIL JOHNSON - 1809 1874

	Married 1835, Newark, New Jersey		
	Sarah F. Cory . . . . .	1814	1892
	9 children		
181	Jonathan Cory Johnson . . . . .	1836	1912
182	Frances Cory Johnson . . . . .	1838	1842
183	Thomas Vail Johnson . . . . .	1840	1922
184	Henry Mahlon Johnson . . . . .	1843	1917
185	Edward Payson Johnson . . . . .	1845	1864
186	Martha Frances Johnson . . . . .	1847	
187	Mary Elizabeth Johnson . . . . .	1850	1924
188	Sarah F. Cory Johnson . . . . .	1853	1898
189	Annie Vail Johnson . . . . .	1855	

19 - SARAH VAIL JOHNSON - 1811 1882

	Married 1838, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Joel Davis		
	5 children		
191	Thomas Johnson Davis . . . . .	1839	1915

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19 - SARAH VAIL JOHNSON - 1811 1882 (Cont'd.)

192	Mary Robertson Davis . . . . .	1841	1918
193	Charlotte Robertson Davis . . . . .	1842	1926
194	Frederick Davis . . . . .	1845	1927
195	Jacob Johnson Davis . . . . .	1848	1926

1-10 - CATHERINE WHEELER JOHNSON - 1812 1863

Married 1834

Aaron C. Johnson . . . . .	1808	1874
10 children		

1-10-1	Anna Vail Johnson . . . . .	1835	1847
1-10-2	Eliza Orr Johnson . . . . .	1838	1891
1-10-3	Harriet Winslow Johnson . . . . .	1840	1897
1-10-4	Susan Day Johnson . . . . .	1841	1903
1-10-5	Luther Halsey Johnson . . . . .	1843	1897
1-10-6	Mary Condict Johnson . . . . .	1845	
1-10-7	Martha Hallock Johnson . . . . .	1846	1929
1-10-8	Josiah William Johnson . . . . .	1849	
1-10-9	Henry Vail Johnson . . . . .	1851	1857
1-10-10	Annie Catherine Johnson . . . . .	1855	1857
	Residence Newark, New Jersey, for years		

1-11 - MARY JOHNSON - 1814 1878

Married 1840, Littleton, New Jersey

Silas Byram Condict . . . . .	1805	1891
8 children		

1-11-1	Walter Condict . . . . .	1841	1888
1-11-2	Alice Byram Condict . . . . .	1844	1917
1-11-3	Jonathan Dickinson Condict . . . . .	1847	1908
1-11-4	Charlotte Ford Condict . . . . .	1849	1920
1-11-5	Silas Alden Condict . . . . .	1851	
1-11-6	Henry Vail Condict . . . . .	1853	1927
1-11-7	Winthrop Condict . . . . .	1856	
1-11-8	Emeline Phillips Condict . . . . .	1843	1843

1-12 - JAMES HARVEY JOHNSON - 1816 1852

Married 1840, Littleton, New Jersey

Hannah Jellison . . . . .	1801	1849
5 children		

1-12-1	Mahlon Johnson . . . . .	1841	1841
1-12-2	Sarah Maria Johnson . . . . .	1842	1842
1-12-3	Isabella Jordan Johnson . . . . .	1844	1919
1-12-4	Catherine Wheeler Johnson . . . . .	1846	1926
1-12-5	Chilion Harvey Johnson . . . . .	1848	1919



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	1-13 - DAVIS VAIL JOHNSON - 1817 1871	
	Married 1844, Newark, New Jersey	
	Caroline Mayo	
	1 child	
1-13-1	Edgar Johnson . . . . .	1845 1871
	1-14 - JOHN HENRY JOHNSON - 1820 1902	
	Married March 16, 1847, Littleton, New Jersey	
	Maria Allen DeCamp . . . . .	1905
	4 children	
1-14-1	Arthur Johnson . . . . .	1848 1930
1-14-2	William DeCamp Johnson . . . . .	1850 1924
1-14-3	Charles Alfred Johnson . . . . .	1856 1856
1-14-4	Maria Lucy Johnson . . . . .	1858

Fourth Generation - Great-Grandchildren

11 - (JACOB JOHNSON)

113	Sarah Baker Johnson . . . . .	1836 1904
	Married 1858, Newark, New Jersey	
	J. Elliot Condict	
	3 children	
1131	Edwin Condict . . . . .	1859 1863
1132	George Herbert Condict . . . . .	1862
1133	Elliot Condict . . . . .	1866 1872

12 - (CHILION JOHNSON)

123	Susan Day Johnson . . . . .	1825 1912
	Married, Crawfordsville, Indiana	
	Cornelius Blair	
	1 child	
1231	Mary Eleanor Blair . . . . .	1852 1919
124	Mary Gard Johnson . . . . .	1828 1893
	Married 1848, Crawfordsville, Indiana	
	First husband - George M. Naylor	
	2 children	
1241	Annie L. Naylor . . . . .	Died an infant
1242	George M. Naylor . . . . .	1851
	Second husband - Harvey Ball Jr. . . . .	1908
	Married 1854	
	6 children	
1243	Frank C. Ball . . . . .	1855 1917
1244	Helen Ball . . . . .	1856 1877
1245	Edgar J. Ball . . . . .	1857

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12 - (CHILION JOHNSON) (Cont'd.)

1246	Harry Ball . . . . .	1860	1924
1247	Bert W. Ball . . . . .	1863	1929
1248	Louis H. Ball . . . . .	1865	
126	Angeline W. Johnson . . . . .	1832	1919
	Married 1858, Crawfordsville, Indiana		
	Robert F. Beck . . . . .	1831	1902
	5 children		
1261	Walter J. Beck . . . . .	1861	1862
1262	Anna M. Beck . . . . .	1864	1924
1263	Lucy C. Beck . . . . .	1866	1891
1264	Susan K. Beck . . . . .	1871	
1265	Gertrude E. Beck . . . . .	1875	
127	Elizabeth Ball Johnson . . . . .	1834	1906
	Married 1868, Crawfordsville, Indiana		
	William P. Britton . . . . .	1835	1911
	3 children		
1271	Chester J. Britton . . . . .	1869	1904
1272	Sara Britton . . . . .	1871	
1273	Lulu Britton . . . . .	1873	
128	Edgar Bryce Johnson . . . . .	1836	1862
	Married 1862, Crawfordsville, Indiana		
	Marietta Hood		
	No children		
129	Mahlon Vail Johnson . . . . .	1838	1930
	Married 1861, Denver, Colorado		
	Catherine Patterson		
	6 children		
1291	Frederick Patterson Johnson . . . . .	1862	1922
1292	Margaret Montjoy Johnson . . . . .	1864	1888
1293	Mary Ball Johnson . . . . .	1866	
1294	Anna Vail Johnson . . . . .	1869	1869
1295	Arthur Chilion Johnson . . . . .	1874	
1296	Frances Hall Johnson . . . . .	1877	1916
12-10	Walter L. Johnson (M.D.) . . . . .	1842	1928
	Married 1868, Crawfordsville, Ind. and Wyoming		
	Frances Hall . . . . .		1921
	10 children		
12-10-1	Mellie Johnson . . . . .	1871	
12-10-2	Willard H. Johnson . . . . .	1873	1898
12-10-3	Abbie Sayre Johnson . . . . .	1875	
12-10-4	Herbert H. Johnson . . . . .	1877	1878
12-10-5	Catherine B. Johnson . . . . .	1878	1879
12-10-6	Anna M. Johnson . . . . .	1880	1880
12-10-7	Clarence H. Johnson . . . . .	1882	1883
12-10-8	Margaret E. Johnson . . . . .	1884	
12-10-9	Lawrence L. Johnson . . . . .	1887	1899
12-10-10	Frances J. Johnson . . . . .	1891	1891

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14 - (BAKER JOHNSON)

144	Thomas Scott Johnson (D.D.) . . . . .	1839	1927
	Married 1884, Beaver Dam, Wis., 1867 to 1927		
	Pastor Pres. Church		
	Sara Elliot . . . . .		1921
	2 children		
1441	Mary Elliot Johnson . . . . .	1885	
1442	Electa Dorothea Johnson . . . . .	1888	
146	William Nevins Johnson . . . . .	1842	1911
	Married Sept. 2, 1864, Oxford, Wis.		
	Mary Jane Mereness . . . . .		1916
	6 children		
1461	Edwin Condict Johnson . . . . .	1865	
1462	Electa Faith Johnson . . . . .	1867	1919
1463	Thomas Baker Johnson . . . . .	1872	1925
1464	John Mereness Johnson . . . . .	1879	
1465	Caroline Elizabeth Johnson . . . . .	1882	
1466	William Grant Johnson . . . . .	1886	1917
149	Elizabeth King Johnson . . . . . Jan. 20, 1855		1926
	Married Feb 23, 1892, Oswego, Kansas		
	Alfred D. Carpenter		
	2 children		
1491	Alfred Baker Carpenter . . . . .	1893	1918
1492	John Carroll Carpenter . . . . .	1896	

15 - (ALFRED JOHNSON)

151	Margaret B. Johnson . . . . .	1828	1857
	Married 1846		
	Belknap Gregory		
	No children		
154	Theodore F. Johnson . . . . .	1835	1910
	Married 1865, Newark, New Jersey		
	Annie E. Vail		
	7 children - 2 died in infancy		
1541	Alfred Baker Johnson . . . . .	1866	1929
1542	Elizabeth B. Johnson . . . . .	1869	
1543	William Vail Johnson . . . . .	1871	
1544	Helen M. Johnson . . . . .	1873	
1545	Charles H. Johnson . . . . .	1878	1879

17 - (ELIZABETH ANN JOHNSON HUNTINGTON)

174	Jonathan Henry Huntington . . . . .	1836	1906
	Married 1859, Newark, New Jersey		
	Eunice Alling		
	1 child		
1741	Jonathan Henry Huntington Jr. . . . .	1870	1929



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## 18 - (THOMAS VAIL JOHNSON)

181	Jonathan Cory Johnson . . . . .	1836	1912
	Married 1858, Bloomfield, New Jersey		
	Sallie W. W. Hayes . . . . .	1834	1926
	4 children		
1811	T. Howell Johnson . . . . .	1861	1929
1812	Edward Payson Johnson . . . . .	1864	
1813	William L. Johnson . . . . .	1866	1922
1814	Percy Hayes Johnson . . . . .	1869	
183	Thomas Vail Johnson . . . . .	1840	1922
	Married 1865, Madison, New Jersey		
	Alexena Mulford		
	1 child		
1831	Mary Augusta Johnson . . . . .	1867	
184	Henry Mahlon Johnson . . . . .	1843	1917
	Married 1865, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Augusta Pollard . . . . .	1842	1930
	3 children		
1841	Abbie Frances Johnson . . . . .	1868	
1842	A. Adelaide Johnson . . . . .	1871	
1843	Mary A. Johnson . . . . .	1874	
186	Martha F. Johnson . . . . .	1848	
	Married 1868, Summit, New Jersey		
	Clifford A. Woodhull		
	2 children		
1861	James Clifford Woodhull . . . . .	1869	
1862	William C. Woodhull . . . . .	1873	

## 19 - (SARAH VAIL JOHNSON DAVIS)

191	Thomas Johnson Davis . . . . .	1839	1915
	Married 1861, Morris Plains, New Jersey		
	Sarah Bailey . . . . .		1921
	10 children		
1911	Helen L. Davis . . . . .	1862	1889
1912	Harriet J. Davis . . . . .	1864	1882
1913	Horton J. Davis - Twin . . . . .	1864	
1914	Joel Frederick Davis . . . . .	1867	1871
1915	Sarah Vail Davis . . . . .	1869	1869
1916	Mary C. Davis . . . . .	1870	1871
1917	William B. Davis . . . . .	1872	
1918	George B. Davis . . . . .	1875	1875
1919	Albert L. Davis . . . . .	1876	
191-10	Jacob J. Davis . . . . .	1878	

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19 -(SARAH VAIL JOHNSON DAVIS) (Cont'd.)

192	Mary Robertson Davis . . . . .	1841	1918
	Married 1866, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Henry B. Corwin . . . . .		1926
	4 children		
1921	Charles H. Corwin . . . . .	1867	
1922	Arthur S. Corwin . . . . .	1871	1926
1923	Fred D. Corwin . . . . .	1872	
1924	Mabel F. Corwin . . . . .	1877	
193	Charlotte Robertson Davis . . . . .	1842	1926
	Married 1868, New Vernon, New Jersey		
	Daniel Tunis . . . . .	1838	1922
	3 children		
1931	Herbert D. Tunis . . . . .	1871	
1932	Henry C. Tunis . . . . .	1874	
1933	Allen D. Tunis . . . . .	1878	
194	Frederick Davis . . . . .	1845	1927
	Married 1875, Oxford, Wisconsin		
	Cloe A. Briggs . . . . .	1851	1923
	6 children		
1941	Albert Amasa Davis . . . . .	1876	
1942	Frederick Davis Jr. . . . .	1878	
1943	Carlton B. Davis . . . . .	1882	
1944	Mary C. Davis . . . . .	1884	
1945	Henry Johnson Davis . . . . .	1886	
1946	Bessie Davis . . . . .	1888	
195	Jacob Johnson Davis . . . . .	1848	1926
	Married 1885, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Laura A. Peppard		
	1 child		
1951	Sara J. Davis . . . . .	1886	

1-10 -(CATHERINE WHEELER JOHNSON)

1-10-3	Harriet Winslow Johnson . . . . .	1840	1897
	Married 1869, Newark, New Jersey		
	Jacob K. Meade		
	2 children		
1-10-31	Katherine W. Meade . . . . .	1870	1915
1-10-32	Mary C. Meade . . . . .	1872	
1-10-7	Martha H. Johnson . . . . .	1846	1929
	Married 1870, Newark, New Jersey		
	William H. Douglas . . . . .	1842	1896
	No children		



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## 1-10 - (CATHERINE WHEELER JOHNSON) (Cont'd.)

1-10-8 Josiah William Johnson . . . . . 1849  
 Married 1874, Newark, New Jersey  
 Josephine P. Umbach  
 3 children  
 1-10-81 Pauline C. Johnson . . . . . 1876  
 1-10-82 Luthur H. Johnson . . . . . 1877  
 1-10-83 William C. Johnson (M.D.) . . . . . 1885

## 1-11 - (MARY JOHNSON CONDUCT)

1-11-1 Rev. Walter Conduct . . . . . 1841 1888  
 Married 1870, Newark, New Jersey  
 First wife - Adelaide Burnett . . . . . 1871  
 1 child  
 1-11-11 Walter Halstead Conduct . . . . . 1871  
 Second wife - Cornelia Eames . . . . . 1926  
 No children  
 1-11-3 Jonathan D. Conduct . . . . . 1847 1908  
 Married 1877, Madison, New Jersey  
 Emilie F. Tuttle  
 3 children  
 1-11-31 Florence Conduct . . . . . 1880  
 1-11-32 Rosalind Priscilla Conduct . . . . . 1885  
 1-11-33 Katrina Tuttle Conduct . . . . . 1892  
 1-11-4 Charlotte Ford Conduct . . . . . 1849 1920  
 Married 1873, Morristown, New Jersey  
 Joseph M. Lee . . . . . 1912  
 3 children  
 1-11-41 Alice R. Lee . . . . . 1874  
 1-11-42 Helen Charlotte Lee . . . . . 1877  
 1-11-43 Charles Edward Lee . . . . . 1884  
 1-11-5 Silas Alden Conduct . . . . . 1851  
 Married 1884, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 Emmeline C. Hodenpyl  
 3 children  
 1-11-51 Silas Alden Conduct Jr. . . . .  
 1-11-52 Anton H. Conduct . . . . . 1890 1916  
 1-11-53 Eugene Conduct . . . . . 1896 1913  
 1-11-6 Henry Vail Conduct . . . . . 1853 1927  
 Married 1879, Essex Fells, New Jersey  
 Annie C. Hudson  
 3 children  
 1-11-61 Hudson King Conduct . . . . . 1881 1908  
 1-11-62 Cuyler Conduct . . . . . 1883 1883  
 1-11-63 Edith C. Conduct . . . . . 1884

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1-11 -(MARY JOHNSON CONDUCT)(Cont'd.)

1-11-7	Winthrop Conduct . . . . .	1856	
	Married 1879, Danville, Illinois		
	First wife - Mary Jane Levenich		1881
	No children		
	Second wife - Hattie Young		
	Married 1884		
	2 children		
1-11-71	Winthrop C. Conduct . . . . .	1885	
1-11-72	Lawrence R. Conduct . . . . .	1889	1908

1-12 -(JAMES HARVEY JOHNSON)

1-12-3	Isabella Jordan Johnson . . . . .	1844	1919
	Married 1868, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Elias M. Genung		
	1 child		
1-12-31	Harvey J. Genung . . . . .	1869	
1-12-5	Chilion Harvey Johnson . . . . .	1848	1919
	Married 1871, Seattle, Washington		
	Martha M. E. Martin		
	6 children		
1-12-51	Susan M. Johnson . . . . .	1874	
1-12-52	Kittie H. Johnson . . . . .	1876	
1-12-53	Mattie M. Johnson . . . . .	1878	
1-12-54	Chilion H. Johnson . . . . .	1883	
1-12-55	Clifford H. Johnson . . . . .	1885	1927
1-12-56	Charles A. Johnson . . . . .	1890	

1-14 -(JOHN HENRY JOHNSON)

1-14-1	Rev. Arthur Johnson . . . . .	1845	1930
	Married 1886, Shickshinny, Pa.		
	Florence Adele Search . . . . .		1926
	No children		
	Hackensack, New Jersey		
1-14-2	William DeCamp Johnson . . . . .	1850	1924
	Married 1889, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Abby Amelia Pierson . . . . .		1926
	No children		
1-14-4	Maria Lucy Johnson . . . . .	1858	
	Married 1888, Morristown, New Jersey		
	William H. Leonard		
	4 children		
1-14-41	Henry Johnson Leonard . . . . .	1888	
1-14-42	William Arthur Leonard . . . . .	1890	
1-14-43	Horace Mahlon Leonard . . . . .	1892	
1-14-44	Mary DeCamp Leonard . . . . .	1902	



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Fifth Generation - Great-Great-Grandchildren

11 - (JACOB JOHNSON)

1132	George Herbert Conduct . . . . .	1862	
	Married 1888, Philadelphia, Pa.		
	Anna Neill . . . . .	1863	1920
	3 children		
11321	Elizabeth R. Conduct . . . . .	1889	1897
11322	Margaret Conduct . . . . .	1897	
11323	Harold Vail Conduct . . . . .	1900	

12 - (CHILION JOHNSON)

1242	George M. Naylor . . . . .	1851	
	Married 1877, Minneapolis, Minn.		
	Lida Hall . . . . .	1851	1916
	6 children		
12421	Augustine F. Naylor . . . . .	1878	1924
12422	Ethelred Naylor . . . . .	1881	1920
12423	Charles H. Naylor . . . . .	1883	1883
12424	Leonora Naylor . . . . .	1884	
12425	Louise H. Naylor . . . . .	1889	
12426	Julia Naylor . . . . .	1892	1892
1243	Frank C. Ball . . . . .	1855	1917
	Married 1880, Minneapolis, Minn.		
	Mary B. Hay . . . . .	1860	1927
	3 children		
12431	Helen G. Ball . . . . .	1882	
12432	Frances M. Ball . . . . .	1884	
12433	Margaret J. Ball . . . . .	1888	
1245	Edgar J. Ball . . . . .	1857	
	Married		
	Lillie Allen		
	3 children		
12451	Harvey Ball . . . . .	1888	
12452	Irving Ball . . . . .	1889	
12453	Mary Ball . . . . .	1891	
1246	Harry V. Ball . . . . .	1860	1924
	Married 1900, New York City		
	Frances Isberg		
	1 child		
12461	Woodruff Ball . . . . .	1902	
1247	Bert W. Ball . . . . .	1863	1929
	Married 1893, St. Louis, Mo.		
	Emma Engelhart		
	No children		

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## 12 - (CHILION JOHNSON) (Cont'd)

1248	Louis H. Ball . . . . .	1866	
	Married, St. Louis, Mo.		
	Hattie Hacker		
	1 child		
12481	Louis Hacker Ball . . . . .		
1271	Chester J. Britton . . . . .	1869	1904
	Married 1895, Crawfordsville, Indiana		
	Kate Lee . . . . .	1876	
	1 child		
12711	Dorothy Britton . . . . .	1896	
1273	Lulu Britton . . . . .	1873	
	Married 1898, Crawfordsville, Indiana		
	Daniel D. Hains . . . . .	1873	
	1 child		
12731	Daniel B. Hains . . . . .	1903	
1291	Frederick Patterson Johnson . . . . .	1862	1922
	Married 1886, Denver, Colorado		
	Marie Foley . . . . .	1866	
	1 child		
12911	Mahlon Benedict Johnson . . . . .	1901	
1293	Mary Ball Johnson . . . . .	1866	
	Married 1898, Denver, Colorado		
	Ernest M. Pease . . . . .	1859	
	2 children		
12931	Margaret Pease . . . . .	1899	
12932	Douglas McDonald Pease . . . . .	1907	
1295	Arthur Chilion Johnson . . . . .	1874	
	Married 1912, Denver, Colorado		
	Maude Taylor McIntosh . . . . .	1882	
	4 children		
12951	Rebecca Day Johnson . . . . .	1913	
12952	Annette Woodruff Johnson . . . . .	1916	
12953	Harriette Louise Johnson . . . . .	1918	
12954	Bradley Thayer Johnson . . . . .	1921	
1296	Frances Hall Johnson . . . . .	1877	1916
	Married 1902, Denver, Colorado		
	William H. Porter . . . . .	1867	1928
	2 children		
12961	Catherine Eunice Porter . . . . .	1904	
12962	Gordon Montjoy Porter . . . . .	1906	
12-10-1	Mellie Johnson . . . . .	1871	
	Married 1901, Wyoming		
	Edward D. Dodds		
	2 children		

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12 - (CHILION JOHNSON) (Cont'd.)

12-10-11	Edward B. Dodds . . . . .	1902	
12-10-12	Walter E. Dodds . . . . .	1908	
12-10-3	Abby Sayre Johnson . . . . .	1875	
	Married 1891, Saratoga, Wyoming		
	Arthur R. Couzens . . . . .	1866	
	4 children		
12-10-31	Walter H. Couzens . . . . .	1898	1899
12-10-32	Ruth A. Couzens . . . . .	1902	1903
12-10-33	Frances Eleanor Couzens . . . . .	1904	
12-10-34	Mary Jane Couzens . . . . .	1908	
12-10-8	Margaret E. Johnson . . . . .	1884	
	Married 1904, Rawlins, Wyoming		
	George A. E. Bible		
	4 children		
12-10-81	Frances J. Bible . . . . .	1905	
12-10-82	Walter E. Bible . . . . .	1906	1916
12-10-83	Robert E. Bible . . . . .	1908	
12-10-84	Barbara Bible . . . . .	1913	

14 - (BAKER JOHNSON)

1461	Edwin Condict Johnson . . . . .	1865	
	Married 1909, Packwaukee, Wisconsin		
	Jessie Kinney		
	4 children		
14611	Edwin C. Johnson . . . . .	1911	
14612	Marjorie E. Johnson . . . . .	1914	
14613	George Johnson . . . . .	1915	
14614	Jean Evelyn Johnson . . . . .	1930	
1462	Electa Faith Johnson . . . . .	1867	1919
	Married 1893, Neillsville, Wisconsin		
	George Crothers		
	3 children		
14621	Donald Hayne Crothers . . . . .	1894	
14622	Wendell Crothers . . . . .	1896	
14623	Marie Allona Crothers . . . . .	1904	
1463	Thomas Baker Johnson . . . . .	1872	1925
	Married 1909, Endeavor, Wisconsin		
	Alice Keach		
	4 children		
14631	Lodemia Burdice Johnson . . . . .	1913	
14632	Jane Mereness Johnson . . . . .	1915	
14633	Wayne Johnson . . . . .	1917	
14634	William James Johnson . . . . .	1920	1921



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14 -(BAKER JOHNSON)(Cont'd.)

1465	Caroline Elizabeth Johnson . . . . .	1882	
	Married 1906, Oxford, Wisconsin		
	Charles U. Morgan . . . . .		1919
	3 children		
14651	William B. Morgan . . . . .	1908	1924
14652	Walter B. Morgan . . . . .	1910	
14653	Helen Caroline Morgan . . . . .	1913	
1466	William Grant Johnson . . . . .	1886	1917
	Married 1913, Morrystown, South Dakota		
	Beatrice Brooks . . . . .		1930
	1 child		
14661	Evelyn Johnson . . . . .	1915	
1492	John Carroll Carpenter . . . . .	1896	
	Married 1918, Oswego, Kansas		
	Cleo Campbell . . . . .		
	3 children		
14921	Robert Alfred Carpenter . . . . .	1920	
14922	Charlotte Jane Carpenter . . . . .	1924	
14923	Christine Ann Carpenter . . . . .	1924	

15 -(ALFRED JOHNSON)

1541	Alfred Baker Johnson . . . . .	1866	1929
	Married 1897, Newark, New Jersey		
	Ella Wharton . . . . .		1922
	2 children		
15411	Anna Wharton Johnson . . . . .	1899	
15412	Wharton Vail Johnson . . . . .	1900	
1543	William Vail Johnson . . . . .	1871	
	Married 1902, Newark, New Jersey		
	Kathryn Laverty		
	1 child, adopted		
15431	Ruth Johnson . . . . .	1915	

17 -(ELIZABETH ANN JOHNSON HUNTINGTON)

1741	J. Henry Huntington, Jr. . . . .	1870	1929
	Married 1892, Newark, New Jersey		
	Elizabeth Contrell . . . . .	1869	
	3 children		
17411	J. Henry Huntington . . . . .	1895	
17412	Robert Graham Huntington . . . . .	1897	
17413	Elizabeth Alling Huntington . . . . .	1907	

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## 18 - (THOMAS VAIL JOHNSON)

1811	T. Howell Johnson . . . . .	1861	1929
	Married 1887, Bloomfield, New Jersey		
	Helen E. Freeman . . . . .	1861	
	2 children		
18111	Walter F. Johnson . . . . .	1888	
18112	Eleanor Johnson . . . . .	1893	
1812	Edward P. Johnson . . . . .	1864	
	Married 1889, Bloomfield, New Jersey		
	Jessie F. Doremus . . . . .	1864	
	2 children		
18121	Edna Elizabeth Johnson . . . . .	1891	
18122	Jonathan Cory Johnson . . . . .	1894	
1813	William L. Johnson . . . . .	1866	1922
	Married 1890, Bloomfield, New Jersey		
	Arvilla G. Dancer . . . . .		1920
	No children		
1814	Percy Hayes Johnson . . . . .	1869	
	Married 1904, Bloomfield, New Jersey		
	Florence Agatha McGuire . . . . .	1872	
	2 children		
18141	Louise Howell Johnson . . . . .	1908	
18142	Jessie Hayes Johnson . . . . .	1909	
1831	Mary Augusta Johnson . . . . .	1867	
	Married 1899, Madison, New Jersey		
	William Stoddard		
	3 children		
18311	Thomas E. Stoddard . . . . .	1900	1906
18312	Susanna Stoddard . . . . .	1902	
18313	Gordon V. Stoddard . . . . .	1904	
1841	Abbie Frances Johnson . . . . .	1866	
	Married 1890, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Amzi E. Amerman		
	No children		
1842	A. Adelaide Johnson . . . . .	1871	
	Married 1921, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Edward Howell		
	No children		
1843	Mary A. Johnson . . . . .	1874	
	Married 1899, Morris Plains, New Jersey		
	Lewis C. Parker		
	2 children		
18431	Ralph J. Parker . . . . .	1901	
18432	Eliot V. Parker . . . . .	1906	

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## 18 - (THOMAS VAIL JOHNSON) (Cont'd.)

1861	James Clifford Woodhull . . . . .	1869	
	Married 1899, Summit, New Jersey		
	Charlotte Hewitt		
	4 children		
18611	Clifford N. H. Woodhull . . . . .	1902	1902
18612	Helen A. Woodhull . . . . .	1905	
18613	J. Clifford Woodhull Jr. . . . .	1907	
18614	Dorothy Woodhull . . . . .	1909	
1862	William C. Woodhull . . . . .	1873	
	Married 1900, Summit, New Jersey		
	Lillian Gould		
	5 children		
18621	Elizabeth C. Woodhull . . . . .	1902	
18622	William F. Woodhull . . . . .	1903	
18623	Richard G. Woodhull . . . . .	1906	
18624	John K. Woodhull . . . . .	1907	
18625	Martha Emily Woodhull . . . . .	1908	1911

## 19 - (SARAH VAIL JOHNSON DAVIS)

1913	Horton J. Davis . . . . .	1864	
	Married 1888, Morristown, New Jersey		
	First wife - Ella Current . . . . .		1915
	1 child		
19131	Ethel C. Davis . . . . .	1890	
	Second wife, 1919		
	Maggie Nunns		
	No children		
1917	William B. Davis . . . . .	1872	
	Married 1894, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Bessie Hay . . . . .		1915
	3 children		
19171	Harold H. Davis . . . . .	1895	
19172	Edna L. Davis . . . . .	1896	
19173	William F. Davis . . . . .	1901	
	Second wife, 1926		
	Edith Beech		
1919	Albert L. Davis . . . . .	1876	
	Married 1899, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Harriet Pierson		
	2 children		
19191	Albert L. Davis Jr. . . . .	1901	
19192	Gladys P. Davis . . . . .	1907	



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19 - (SARAH VAIL JOHNSON DAVIS) (Cont'd.)

191-10	Jacob J. Davis . . . . . 1878 Married 1912, Morris Plains, New Jersey First wife - Elizabeth Kidney No children  Second wife, 1919 Julia A. Murphy	
1922	Arthur S. Corwin (M.D.) . . . . . 1871 Married 1910, Rye, New York Janet M. Dunlap 2 children	1926
19221	Mary R. Corwin . . . . . 1911	
19222	Janet D. Corwin . . . . . 1913	
1923	Fred D. Corwin . . . . . 1872 Married 1906 Sarah Elizabeth McDowell 1 child	
19231	Dorothea Corwin . . . . . 1908	
1931	Herbert D. Tunis . . . . . 1871 Married 1894, Morristown, New Jersey Grace Coley No children	
1932	Henry C. Tunis . . . . . 1874 Married, Newark, New Jersey Viola Faulkner 2 children	
19321	Harry F. Tunis . . . . . 1908	
19322	John L. Tunis . . . . . 1921	
1933	Allen C. Tunis . . . . . 1878 Married 1906, New Vernon, New Jersey Annabell Chandler 5 children	
19331	Allen C. Tunis . . . . . 1907	
19332	Margarete Tunis . . . . . 1910	
19333	Dorothy C. Tunis . . . . . 1914	
19334	Annabell Tunis . . . . . 1915	
19335	Daniel W. Tunis . . . . . 1920	
1941	Albert Davis . . . . . 1875 Married 1908 Florence B. Baldwin 1 child	
19411	Brennan B. Davis . . . . . 1912	

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19 -(SARAH VAIL JOHNSON DAVIS)(Cont'd.)

1942	Frederick Davis Jr. . . . .	1876
	Married 1911, Hettinger, N. D.	
	Edith McDuffer	
	4 children	
19421	Alberta E. Davis . . . . .	1912
19422	Edith May Davis . . . . .	1916
19423	Dorothy B. Davis . . . . .	1919
19424	Frederick Henry Davis . . . . .	1925
1943	Carlton B. Davis . . . . .	1882
	Married 1907, Minot, N. D.	
	Margaretha Rodger	
	3 children	
19431	Rodger B. Davis . . . . .	1909
19432	Helen M. Davis . . . . .	1912
19433	Carlotta Davis . . . . .	1913
1945	Henry Johnson Davis . . . . .	1888
	Married 1912, Red Wing, Minnesota	
	Randine Gulseth	
	3 children	
19451	Henry Johnson Davis Jr. . . . .	1913
19452	John F. Davis . . . . .	1915
19453	Mahlon B. Davis . . . . .	1917

1-10 -(CATHERINE WHEELER JOHNSON)

1-10-31	Katherine W. Meade . . . . .	1870	1915
	Married 1906, Newark, New Jersey		
	Adelbert B. Twitchell (M.D.)		
	No children		
1-10-32	Mary C. Meade . . . . .	1872	
	Married 1906, Newark, New Jersey		
	Moses Bigelow Jr.		
	No children		
1-10-82	Luther H. Johnson . . . . .	1877	
	Married 1924, Newark, New Jersey		
	Novella Eleanor Caldwell		
	No children		

1-11 -(MARY JOHNSON CONDUCT)

1-11-11	Walter H. Conduct . . . . .	1871	
	Married 1903, Madison, New Jersey		
	First wife - Anna Hamilton Yeaman . . .		1927
	2 children		
1-11-111	Yeaman Halstead Conduct . . . . .	1907	
1-11-112	Virginia Triplett Conduct . . . . .	1912	

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## 1-11 -(MARY JOHNSON CONDUCT)(Cont'd.)

Married second wife, 1928  
Gladys Smith Van Order

1-11-31	Florence Dickinson Conduct . . . . .	1880	
	Married 1912, Madison, New Jersey		
	Harry D. Albin		
	No children		
1-11-33	Katrina Tuttle Conduct . . . . .	1892	
	Married 1926, Madison, New Jersey		
	Charles Goddard Baldwin		
	2 children		
1-11-331	Charles Dickinson Baldwin . . . . .	1928	
1-11-332	Elizabeth Conduct Baldwin . . . . .	1931	
1-11-43	Charles E. Lee . . . . .	1884	
	Married 1912, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Jessie Richardson		
	2 children		
1-11-431	Frederick R. Lee . . . . .	1912	1929
1-11-432	Jessie C. Lee . . . . .	1914	
1-11-51	Silas Alden Conduct Jr. . . . .		
	Married, New York		
	Katherine Turk		
	1 child		
1-11-511	Katherine Conduct . . . . .	1926	
1-11-63	Edith C. Conduct . . . . .	1884	
	Married 1915, Essex Fells, New Jersey		
	Don L. Moore		
	2 children		
1-11-631	Condict Moore . . . . .	1916	
1-11-632	Marian Moore . . . . .	1917	
1-11-71	Winthrop Campbell Conduct . . . . .	1885	
	Married 1908, Saratoga, Wyoming		
	Aurilla Pool		
	4 children		
1-11-711	Maysel Helen Conduct . . . . .	1912	
1-11-712	Bernice Aurilla Conduct . . . . .	1914	
1-11-713	Winthrop Campbell Conduct . . . . .	1925	
1-11-714	Alden Revell Conduct . . . . .	1927	

## 1-12 -(JAMES HARVEY JOHNSON)

1-12-31	Harvey J. Genung . . . . .	1869	
	Married 1895, Morristown, New Jersey		
	Leona Adams . . . . .		1903
	No children		



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1-12 -(JAMES HARVEY JOHNSON)(Cont'd.)

	Married 1905	
	Helen E. Fountain	
	1 adopted child	
1-12-311	Peter Genung . . . . .	1923
1-12-52	Kittie B. Johnson . . . . .	1876
	Married 1894, Seattle, Washington	
	Herbert A. Bechtel	
	6 children	
1-12-521	Edith K. Bechtel . . . . .	1895
1-12-522	Harvey K. Bechtel . . . . .	1896
1-12-523	Herbert A. Bechtel . . . . .	1900
1-12-524	Laura M. Bechtel . . . . .	1901
1-12-525	Gertrude M. Bechtel . . . . .	1903
1-12-526	Arthur R. Bechtel . . . . .	1906
1-12-53	Mattie M. Johnson . . . . .	1878
	Married 1901, Seattle, Washington	
	William Warren	
	2 children	
1-12-531	Martha M. Warren . . . . .	1902
1-12-532	Theodore R. Warren . . . . .	1906
1-12-56	Charles A. Johnson . . . . .	1890
	Married 1911, Seattle, Washington	
	Eva E. McGarwoan	
	2 children	
1-12-561	Richard Sherwood Johnson . . . . .	1916
1-12-562	Donald Johnson . . . . .	1918

1-14-(JOHN HENRY JOHNSON)

1-14-42	William Arthur Leonard . . . . .	1890
	Married 1913, Freeport, Maine	
	Elsie Miller	
	2 children	
1-14-421	Elsie Jean Leonard . . . . .	1915
1-14-422	Charles Arthur Leonard . . . . .	1919
1-14-43	Horace Mahlon Leonard . . . . .	1892
	Married 1923, Clyde, California	
	Ruth Weinhaber	
1-14-44	Mary DeCamp Leonard . . . . .	1902
	Married 1926, Morris Plains, New Jersey	
	Richard Wesley Smith	
	2 children	
1-14-441	William Wesley Smith . . . . .	1928
1-14-442	Arthur Johnson Smith . . . . .	1930

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## Sixth Generation - Great-Great-Great-Grandchildren

### 11 -(JACOB JOHNSON)

11323 Harold Vail Condict . . . . . 1900  
 Married 1925, Plainfield, New Jersey  
 Marjorie Searing  
 2 children  
 113231 Lawrence Richards Condict . . . . . 1925  
 113232 Jean Audrey Condict . . . . . 1930

### 12 -(CHILION JOHNSON)

12422 Ethelred Naylor . . . . . 1881 1920  
 Married 1912, Ft. Wayne, Indiana  
 Donald A. McQueen  
 No children  
 12424 Leonora Naylor . . . . . 1884  
 Married 1907, Santa Cruz, California  
 Harry Webb Penniman  
 3 children  
 124241 George Naylor Penniman . . . . . 1907  
 124242 Warren Hall Penniman . . . . . 1913  
 124243 John Keith Penniman . . . . . 1921  
 12425 Louise H. Naylor . . . . . 1889  
 Married 1928, Santa Cruz, California  
 John Clinton Swinford  
 No children  
 12431 Helen G. Ball. . . . . 1882  
 Married 1917, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 John N. Skinner  
 No children  
 12432 Frances M. Ball . . . . . 1884  
 Married, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Fred D. Gwynn  
 2 children  
 124321 Frederick Landis Gwynn . . . . . 1916  
 124322 Anne Woodruff Gwynn . . . . . 1921  
 12433 Margaret J. Ball . . . . . 1888  
 Married 1914, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Philip D. Jennings  
 2 children  
 124331 John Francis Jennings . . . . . 1917  
 124332 Richard Philip Jennings . . . . . 1922

12 - (CHILION JOHNSON) (Cont'd.)

12453	Mary Ball . . . . .	1891	
	Married 1909, Los Angeles, California		
	B. H. Hill		
	Married 2d, 1914		
	A. St. John		
12711	Dorothy Britton . . . . .	1896	
	Married 1917, Crawfordsville, Indiana		
	Charles S. Hill . . . . .	1893	
	2 children		
127111	Nancy Hill . . . . .	1923	
127112	Charles Britton Hill . . . . .	1925	
12731	Daniel Britton Hains . . . . .	1903	
	Married 1925, Flushing, L. I.		
	Laura Mary Platt		
	1 child		
127311	Daniel Platt Hains . . . . .	1926	
12911	Mahlon Benedict Johnson . . . . .	1901	
	Married 1923, Denver, Colorado		
	Ada J. Johnson		
12931	Margaret Pease . . . . .	1899	
	Married 1920, Montclair, New Jersey		
	George E. Loder		
	2 children		
129311	Nancy May Loder . . . . .	1922	
129312	George Edward Loder . . . . .	1925	
12961	Catherine Eunice Porter . . . . .	1904	
	Married 1925, Denver, Colorado		
	Robert F. Harris . . . . .		1930
	1 child		
129611	Patricia Ann Harris . . . . .	1929	
12962	Gordon Montjoy Porter . . . . .	1906	
	Married 1929, El Paso, Texas		
	Alice M. Outlaw		
12-10-24	Mary J. Couzens . . . . .	1908	
	Married 1927, Pueblo, Colorado		
	Nelson P. Corbett . . . . .	1903	
	2 children		
12-10-341	Richard John Corbett . . . . .	1927	
12-10-342	George Raymond Corbett . . . . .	1928	



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## 12 -(CHILION JOHNSON)(Cont'd.)

12-10-81 Frances Josepha Bible . . . . . 1905  
 Married 1929, Caspar, Wyoming  
 Philip Sheridan Mahoney  
 1 child  
 12-10-811 Philip Sheridan Mahoney . . . . . 1930

## 14 -(BAKER JOHNSON)

14621 Donald Crothers . . . . . 1894  
 Married 1923, Neillsville, Wisconsin  
 Elizabeth Quinnell  
 2 children  
 146211 Donna Marie Crothers . . . . . 1927  
 146212 George Herbert Crothers . . . . . 1930  
 14622 Wendell Crothers . . . . . 1896  
 Married 1919, Neillsville, Wisconsin  
 Mildred Kintzele  
 2 children  
 146221 John K. Crothers . . . . . 1920  
 146222 Jane Electa Crothers . . . . . 1930  
 14623 Marie Allona Crothers . . . . . 1904  
 Married 1924, Neillsville, Wisconsin  
 James A. Musil  
 2 children  
 146231 Janice Louise Musil . . . . . 1925  
 146232 William Rodney Musil . . . . . 1926

## 15 -(ALFRED JOHNSON)

15411 Anna Wharton Johnson . . . . . 1899  
 Married 1920, South Orange, New Jersey  
 Alfred Spindler  
 2 children  
 154111 Alfred Vail Spindler . . . . . 1922  
 154112 Robert Johnson Spindler . . . . . 1925  
 15412 Wharton Vail Johnson . . . . . 1900  
 Married 1929, Maplewood or South Orange,  
 New Jersey  
 Caroline B. Stafford  
 1 child  
 154121 William Vail Johnson . . . . . 1931

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17 -(ELIZABETH ANN JOHNSON HUNTINGTON)

- 17411 Jonathan Henry Huntington 3rd. . . . . 1895  
Married 1920, Maplewood, New Jersey  
First wife - Rachel A. Robinson  
No children  
  
Married second wife, 1928  
Dorothy A. Riecke
- 17412 Robert Graham Huntington . . . . . 1897  
Married 1924, Newark, New Jersey  
Alice Norma Booth  
2 children
- 174121 Robert Graham Huntington Jr. . . . . 1926
- 174122 Barbara Elizabeth Huntington . . . . . 1930

18 -(THOMAS VAIL JOHNSON)

- 18111 Walter F. Johnson . . . . . 1888  
Married 1916, Bloomfield, New Jersey  
Mildred Brockway . . . . . 1894  
1 child
- 181111 Theodore Howell Johnson 2nd. . . . . 1918
- 18112 Eleanor Johnson . . . . . 1893  
Married 1921, Bloomfield, New Jersey  
Samuel Bowden Ellis . . . . . 1892  
1 child
- 181121 Mary Nancy Ellis . . . . . 1925
- 181122 Sally Bowden Ellis
- 18121 Edna E. Johnson . . . . . 1891  
Married 1914, Bloomfield, New Jersey  
Ernest Peter Vollman . . . . . 1889 1919  
1 child
- 181211 Deloris Vollman . . . . . 1916
- 18122 Jonathan Cory Johnson . . . . . 1894  
Married 1924  
Olive Adelaide Crater . . . . . 1897  
No children
- 18431 Ralph Johnson Parker . . . . . 1901  
Married 1927, Morristown, New Jersey  
Marion Phillips Wilson
- 18432 Eliot Vail Parker . . . . . 1906  
Married 1928, Far Hills, New Jersey  
Lillian Butler  
2 children
- 184321 Patricia Eliot Parker . . . . . 1929
- 184322 Evelyn Butler Parker . . . . . 1931

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18 - (THOMAS VAIL JOHNSON) (Cont'd.)

- 18612 Helen Althea Woodhull . . . . . 1905  
Married 1928, Summit, New Jersey  
Parkman Sayward
- 18614 Dorothy Woodhull . . . . . 1909  
Married 1931, Summit, New Jersey  
John Stone
- 18621 Elizabeth Cory Woodhull . . . . . 1902  
Married 1928, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Burnham Clough McCaffree of Sioux Falls, S.D.
- 18622 William Frederick Woodhull . . . . . 1903  
Married 1929, Summit, New Jersey  
Margaret Talcott Corbin
- 18623 Richard Gould Woodhull . . . . . 1906  
Married 1929, Upper Montclair, New Jersey  
Louise Hennen Marsh

19 -(SARAH VAIL JOHNSON DAVIS)

- 19131 Ethel Davis . . . . . 1890  
Married 1920, Morristown, New Jersey  
Louis Pierson  
No children
- 19171 Harold H. Davis . . . . . 1895  
Married 1925, Morristown, New Jersey  
Blanche Franceschini  
Three adopted children
- 191711 Chester G. Davis . . . . . 1911
- 191712 Gaston Davis . . . . . 1913
- 191713 Hugo Davis . . . . . 1913
- 19172 Edna Loretta Davis . . . . . 1890  
Married 1925, San Gabriel, California  
Jean Golberson  
1 child
- 191721 Nancy Jean Golberson . . . . . 1926
- 19173 William F. Davis . . . . . 1901  
Married 1923, Morristown, New Jersey  
Marie Christensen  
3 children
- 191731 Betty Marie Davis . . . . . 1924 1924
- 191732 Betty Louise Davis . . . . . 1925
- 191733 Barbara Marie Davis . . . . . 1928



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19 - (SARAH VAIL JOHNSON) (Cont'd.)

- 19191     Albert L. Davis Jr. . . . . 1901  
          Married 1929, Morristown, New Jersey  
          Lucy Marra
- 19192     Gladys P. Davis . . . . . 1907  
          Married 1928, Morristown, New Jersey  
          Nils Anderson

1-12 - (JAMES HARVEY JOHNSON)

- 1-12-521   Edith K. Bechtel . . . . . 1895  
          Married 1917  
          Edward Buffum  
          Three children
- 1-12-5211   Harvey Edward Buffum . . . . . 1919
- 1-12-5212   Warren Earl Buffum . . . . . 1920
- 1-12-5213   Glen Stanley Buffum . . . . . 1925
- 1-12-524     Laura Maude Bechtel . . . . . 1901  
          Married 1926  
          Robert Adams
- 1-12-525     Gertrude M. Bechtel . . . . . 1903  
          Married 1925  
          Albert Stephenson
- 1-12-526     Arthur R. Bechtel . . . . . 1906  
          Married 1929  
          Lilian Peterson
- 1-12-531     Martha M. Warren . . . . . 1902  
          Married 1931  
          Beach Garvy

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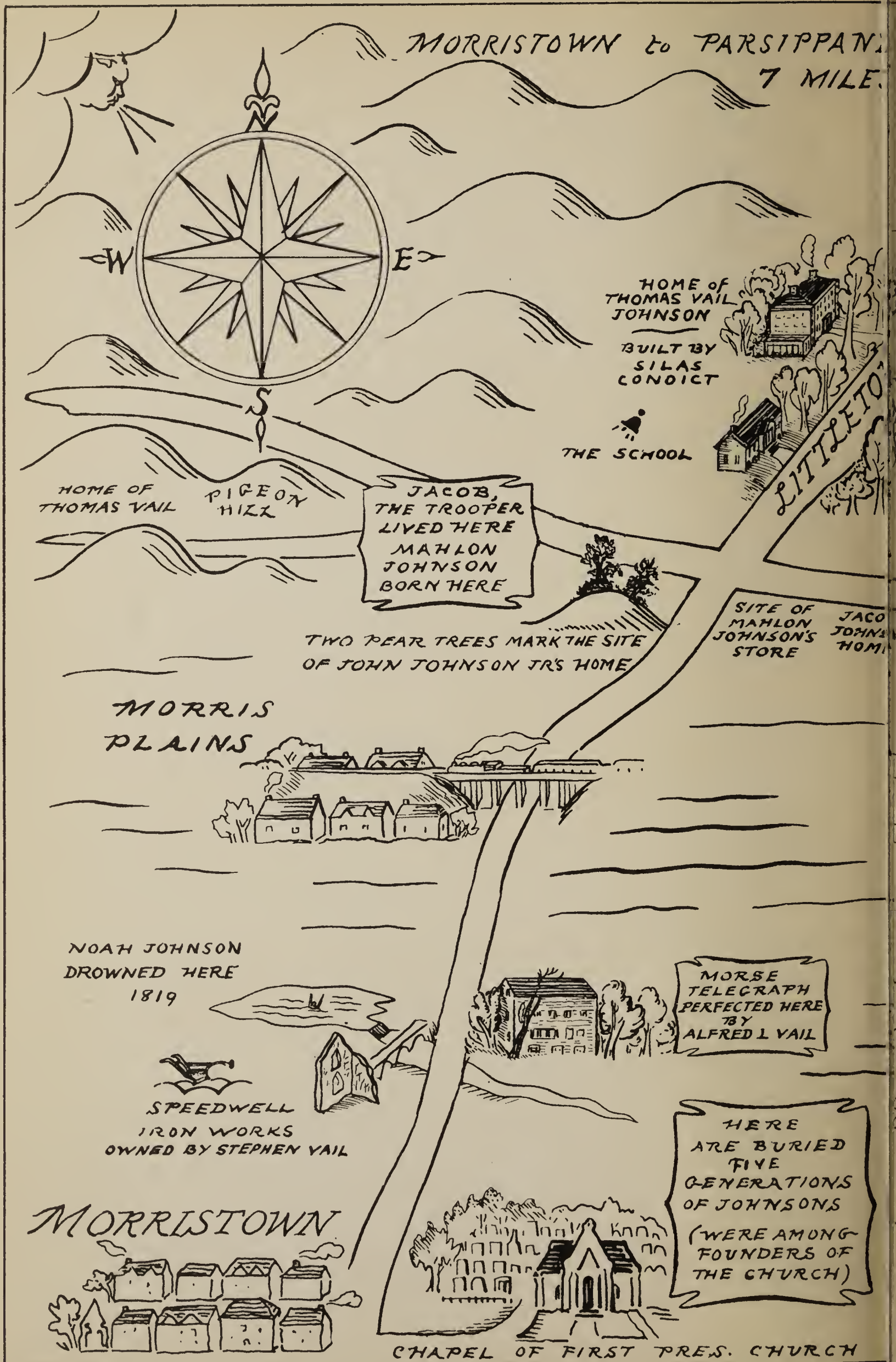








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THE TWO GIANT  
SYCAMORE TREES  
MARK THE SITE OF  
JOHN JOHNSON'S SR'S  
PIONEER HOME (1722)

RESERVOIR

BLOOMFIELD AVE

THEO  
VAIL  
BURIED  
HERE

LITTLETON ROAD

here  
the bear  
looked in  
the  
window

HOME OF  
LEWIS BAKER  
SARAH BAKER born here

site of  
SILAS CONDUCT'S  
PIONEER  
HOME

JOHN  
JOHNSON SR  
1688-1724  
OUR FIRST  
NEW JERSEY  
ANCESTOR

MAHLON  
JOHNSON  
1775-1857  
RAISED A FAMILY  
OF FIFTEEN CHILDREN  
OF WHICH THERE ARE  
225 LIVING  
DESCENDANTS

PARSIPPANY  
PRES. CHURCH  
WHERE  
THREE  
GENERATIONS  
OF BAKERS ARE  
BURIED, (WERE  
AMONG FOUNDERS  
OF THE CHURCH)

THE OLD SPRING  
MAHLON JOHNSON HOME

WHIPPANY

HENRY  
VAIL  
FARM

DAVIS  
VAIL  
FARM

ALFRED  
JOHNSON  
HOME

MAP  
Showing  
THE HOME AND  
THE HAUNTS  
of the  
Mahlon Johnson Family  
Littleton, N.J.



